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From the Editor

A distinctive part of a Wartburg education

As a keen spotter of trends, you've noticed that this is the second consecutive *Wartburg Magazine* cover to have a science theme. Actually, it may be the third, counting Spring 2010 when Hannah Baker, the All-American track athlete as well as "outstanding student in biology," was our "cover girl."

But when you have a terrific quote (see story, page 2) from the once and now present governor of Iowa about Wartburg's ability to prepare doctors, it's something to build on.

That said, let me confess that I have known our "cover boy," Drew Newhoff, since he was in diapers. I spent 24 years working with his mother, Nancy, who succeeded me as editor of the *Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier* in 2007, and his father, Doug, its sports editor.

The quote from Gov. Terry Branstad that leads off the story on Wartburg training future doctors came courtesy of Nancy, following a *Courier* editorial board meeting with then-candidate Branstad, who had been president of Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine between stints as the state's chief executive officer.

It's great to have his testimonial, but it was hardly a revelation. During my time at the *Courier*, we had heard the University of Iowa's Carver College of Medicine referred to as "Wartburg South." Students interested in health-care professions have heard much the same thing from their doctors and nurses.

Small world that it is, while I was writing the story about Wartburg's "3+1" partnership with Allen College of Nursing, I met the mother of a Wartburg student who had just transferred here to take advantage of that program. Mom was effusive with praise.

Given that Wartburg doctors have received every conceivable type of laurel, magazine articles alone will not do them or the curriculum justice — past or present. This magazine issue provides just a peek into how this college earns its reputation for making doctors and nurses.

Wartburg's social work department — the oldest such undergraduate program in the state — continues to meet real-world needs. The story on its pioneering respite-care program for foster parents is a great example of studying a problem and implementing a solution.

Elsewhere, Linda Moeller describes the making of the Janiece Bergland mural that was a magnificent backdrop at Christmas with Wartburg this year. Sports Information Director Mark Adkins catches up with Steve "It's a Great Day for Running" Johnson, Wartburg's perpetual-motion cross country coach who had a "blink-and-you'll-miss-it moment" on NBC's *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon* during which Johnson had the presence of mind to plug Wartburg.

I would be greatly remiss not to mention the stories in this issue — and those the past three years — written by recent graduate Emily Schmitt of Hawkeye. Emily was one of those students whose talents quickly come to the fore. She reminded me of Wartburg students I had hired at the *Courier* who had a great growth curve.

Indeed, Wartburg makes some outstanding writers as well as doctors, nurses, social workers, and more.

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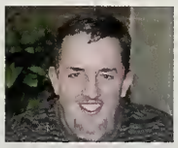

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Wartburg pre-med program: 'One of the best . . . bar none'

"When I was (president) at Des Moines University, we had medical students from everywhere – from BYU to Boston College – but the highest achievers were the graduates of Wartburg College. They had the highest grade point average in medical school of every college and university of the United States that we had. They have one of the best pre-med programs, bar none, in the United States of America. That's a great asset."

– Gov. Terry Branstad, speaking to the *Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier* editorial board during the 2010 gubernatorial campaign

by Saul Shapiro

When it came time to fill Tim McKenna's prescription for the college that would best help him realize his ambition to become a doctor, the Rx was "Wartburg."

"Numerous doctors I talked to told me that Wartburg was doing a great job preparing students for medical school," said McKenna '09 of Cedar Falls, now a second-year student at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine.

Allison Welte '08 of Kalona, a third-year student at the U of I medical school "initially looked into Wartburg," she said, "because I wanted to go to a small school, and Wartburg had very good admission statistics into medical programs."

Indeed, those statistics show that Wartburg students applying to medical school have a 96 percent acceptance rate (2000-2009). The national average is about 46 percent annually. In other health-related fields, the Wartburg numbers are similarly gaudy and sometimes better. (See page 7)

The college has a long history of producing outstanding health-care professionals, many receiving national acclaim:

- Dr. Herman Hein '59, professor of pediatrics at the University of Iowa College of Medicine, was named an "Unsung Hero" by *Newsweek* in 1988 as founder of the Iowa Perinatal Care Program, which is credited with saving the lives of more than 400 newborns annually.
- Dr. Jerry Swanson '73, professor of neurology at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, was cited by *Women's Health* magazine in 2008 as one of "America's Top Doctors for Women."
- Dr. Richard Wahl '74, director of the Division on Nuclear Medicine at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, has been involved in the development of "smart radiopharmaceuticals" that target tumors for therapy and spare healthy tissue. A leading expert on positron emission tomography, he has been cited by the Academy of Molecular Imaging as the first person in the United States to use that technology to accurately diagnose a broad array of human cancers.

The beat not only goes on, but may be getting louder.

"We always have had a very fine reputation, but if anything, it's just gotten better," said Dr. Ann Henninger, professor of biology and chair of the department.

"We have a lot of pretty talented people around here, but we also get a lot of administrative support," said Dr. Edward Westen, associate professor of biology. "It's fair to say that the college places an emphasis on its pre-health programs."

Building on success

The college and its faculty have not rested on the program's reputation:

- Westen came in 2003 and instituted a Medical College Admission Test review course.
- The Science Center opened in 2004.
- That same year, Dr. Shawn Ellerbroek, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry, arrived and would stress undergraduate research.
- In 2005, the cadaver lab opened, and Westen revised the Anatomy and Physiology course to take advantage of it.
- In 2006, Wartburg and the Waverly Health Center agreed to partner in a program where students do internships and shadow doctors.
- Wartburg also has had a relationship with Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community so students could become certified nursing assistants.

"There's a great primary-care experience that they get here in the Cedar Valley, especially Waverly," said Westen, "and then we're offering strong research opportunities that develop their academic side, the MCAT course, a full-year of Anatomy and Physiology, and a full-year of Biochemistry. I think that culminates in a well-prepared pre-med. The medical schools at Iowa and Des Moines appreciate this."

The MCAT review course has boosted scores. "When we started it," Westen said, "the national average had been 24, and Wartburg's average had been 24. The Wartburg average now is 29. It makes a difference."

Drew Newhoff '08 of Waterloo, a third-year U of I medical student, called it "probably the single most important thing that I did at Wartburg that I couldn't have necessarily done on my own.

"The program they put together is pretty outstanding. We had guest lecturers – our professors – in the specific things we talked about. Then there's the part of the test that is literary, and they brought in people from the college that taught the arts and sciences, writing

Sarah Wilkin '13 (left), a biology major from Titonka, Iowa, discusses the human heart with biology professors Dr. Ann Henninger, Dr. Shawn Ellerbroek and Dr. Ed Westen.

classes and English classes. It was a very comprehensive review, highly effective."

No ordinary cadaver course

Students invariably cited access to a cadaver as important. Having one, Westen said, is not unusual. The way Wartburg utilizes it is.

"After they take the full year of Anatomy and Physiology, they can apply to be assistants in the A and P lab," he said. "I give them the course outline and say, 'You're going to present the cadaver every Tuesday and Thursday. Here's what the students are going to be learning from the lab manual, so plan the dissection accordingly.

"The senior lab assistants do the dissection, but in such a way that it reveals the pieces that they want to show to the A and P students. It's a different thought process. They have a lot to do in terms of thinking through anatomy, perhaps more than in Gross Anatomy in medical school. In fact, the planning of the dissection is huge in terms of preparing them for success in Gross Anatomy in medical school."

Kyle Duchman '08, a third-year U of I medical student from Cedar Falls, agreed. "It definitely gives you a head's up in the medical school curriculum."

"Wartburg had 'anatomy lab practicals' where the class rotated through timed stations identifying anatomy terms pinned on the cadaver or on models," added William Fangman '08 of Winthrop, a third-year U of I medical student. "The testing style is also used at Iowa and causes quite a bit of anxiety to students who have never experienced it."

"I had the opportunity to be a teaching assistant for the cadaver lab as a junior," said Mara Groom '09, a second-year

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Dedication drives future doctor

by Saul Shapiro

Drew Newhoff

Life is nomadic for a third-year student at the University of Iowa's Carver College of Medicine. Time on campus is constantly interspersed with periodic rotations at various hospitals.

Drew Newhoff '08 of Waterloo spent January at Covenant Medical Center in his hometown, returned to Iowa City in February, and was scheduled to go to the Waverly Health Center in March.

His previous rotations — from two to six weeks — had been at the University of Iowa Hospitals, providing a taste of general surgery, internal medicine, psychiatry, urology, orthopedic surgery and opthamology.

"Next year I'll spend a little more time finishing up the rotations we didn't have time for in our third year and then a great deal more time going through the specialty I want to go into."

With a residency still awaiting after formal schooling, it's a career commitment that demands dedication with eyes wide open.

Newhoff, who was unsure about his career path when he enrolled at Wartburg, credits his professors with helping shape his decision.

"Dr. Ed Westen was my pre-med adviser, but I think his most important role was playing devil's advocate, constantly questioning me and other students about our motives for going to medical school," Newhoff said.

"At the time, I wasn't sure if he was convinced that I deserved to go, but I found out that you really have to question yourself about your dedication, and that's what he was trying to get at."

"What I really liked," he added, "was the possibility of using my knowledge to directly help people."

His Wartburg education has paid off at Iowa.

"I can speak for the rest of my classmates as well," Newhoff said, "that we were pretty well prepared, particularly in our first year of medical school, which is just basic sciences, the next step up from what we learned at Wartburg and part of a natural continuum. The ideas we had learned were refreshed. There was very seldom an educational point I hadn't been accustomed to.

"In our second year, when we have more medical and clinical things, it becomes less directly related to what we learned about Wartburg. But the fact that we had a good foundation in all the sciences is pretty important. I felt more confident and comfortable."

Last year Newhoff received an Iowa Orthopedic Society Medical Student Research Award for his research study, "Cam-type impingement in the Ankle." He is leaning toward orthopedic surgery as his specialty.

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Tate Lage '08

Lage makes rounds in Waverly

by Emily Schmitt '11

Tate Lage '08 returned to Waverly last fall to do a four-week rotation with Waverly Health Center's general surgery department.

Lage did two years of coursework at Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine before he started a series of rotations in August 2010 that will continue until graduation in May 2012.

"I'm finally doing what I want to do and have been working toward for the last six years. It's just so rewarding," Lage said.

Lage enjoyed his placement at WHC.

"The hospital really does a great job of accommodating students," Lage said. "Since it doesn't have a residency program, I am able to participate much more in patient care than students at many other sites."

Being in the surgery department gave Lage opportunities to see how procedures are performed and "pick the surgeon's brain."

He also spent time studying with his sister, Briana Lage '13, a biology major.

Lage wasn't sure what he would do when he enrolled as a biology major, but said becoming a doctor "was always a dream in the back of my head."

He enjoyed his science courses and spent time at WHC volunteering and shadowing doctors. He also was an Anatomy and Physiology teaching assistant, employing a skill transferable to his career.

"As doctors, it's very important to explain to your patients what's going on," he said.

Lage is grateful to have worked as a research assistant for Dr. Edward Westen.

"Dr. Westen focuses a lot on problem-based thinking, and that was really good preparation," he said.

Lage is continuing month-long rotations in different specialties until graduation. He is still trying to decide the area of medicine he wishes to practice.

"I'm using this year to experience a lot of different types of medicine," he said. "That will help me decide what to do."

DMU student. "That experience challenged me in quite a few ways — most of them not purely academic.

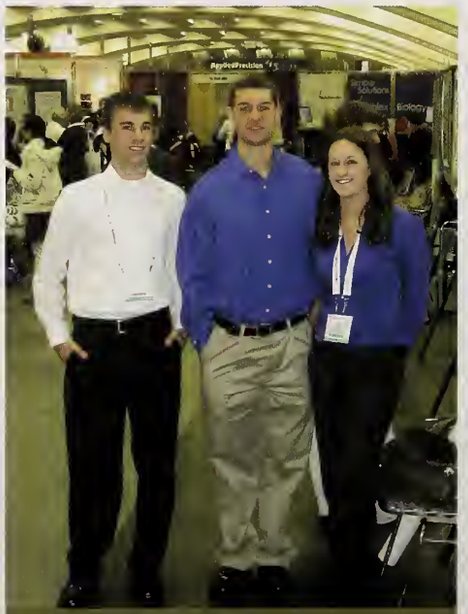
"I was selected to be in charge of the dissections. As one of two juniors selected out of 10 students, I had to learn how to act as though I wasn't intimidated by the seniors. I also learned how to be confident in our cadaver presentations to Dr. Westen and to the students. On top of that, I had to learn the technical side of dissecting and identifying structures in the human body," she added.

The value of research

Wartburg also is known for the superior quality of its undergraduate research.

"We have this huge emphasis on lab with research by students — younger students who, by the time they do their senior biology or chemistry research, it's really good stuff that gets into national meetings," Westen said.

Ellerbroek takes four or five students annually to national meetings where posters about research are exhibited or presentations given.



Tim McKenna, Kyle Huegel and Kim Chaffin presented research at the annual American Society of Cell Biology meeting in San Francisco in December 2008.

Mara Groom '09 tells Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, about the Des Moines University Mobile Clinic, which provides health care for homeless and underserved populations.

"There are not a lot of Upper Midwest colleges represented at these conferences," Ellerbroek said. "Student research at Wartburg really stands out. I'm very proud of that."

It also may have paid dividends as McKenna discovered in regard to ovarian cancer research that he, Kyle Huegel and Kim Chaffin, all 2009 graduates, would present to the American Society of Cell Biology conference in San Francisco in December 2008.

"During the (medical school) interview at Iowa, it came up that I had been conducting ovarian cancer research and was going to be presenting at a conference the following week," McKenna recalled. "One of the interviewers coincidentally was going to be traveling to the same conference to present research. This helped facilitate a good discussion about the work I was doing and connected with the interviewers about their research."

Huegel of Charles City, McKenna's research partner, is now a second-year medical student at Des Moines University. "Both the cadaver lab and laboratory research opportunities really give everybody at Wartburg a leg up on others," he said. "I spent a lot of time doing ovarian cancer research with Dr. Ellerbroek. It taught me about lab techniques and was a great way to learn about biochemistry other than through studying books."

Westen remarked, "When I have eight students a year dissecting a cadaver, and Shawn's taking five students a year to meetings, and other people in the

department are doing cool stuff as well, pretty soon all of the pre-meds and all of the pre-health students have had some pretty neat experiences."

The medical school transition

Inside the classroom, Westen said, "We don't really treat the 'pre-meds' like 'pre-meds,' any more than the 'dentals' like 'dentals' or 'optometry' like 'optometry.' They're all sort of 'pre-health' to us. They take, to a great extent, the same courses. There are some distinctions. You get the experiences outside of class to figure out what you want to be in the multitude of health professions."

For the prospective physicians, the quality of the courses has eased their transition into medical school.

"The first year of medical school is just a bunch of hard science classes — biochemistry, anatomy and neurobiology," stated McKenna, who is weighing a career as an oncologist or in sports medicine. "The science classes at Wartburg during the last two years were just as difficult as my medical school classes, helping me develop effective study habits for medical school."

Wartburg "definitely had me well prepared," said Fangman, who is interested in emergency medicine or general surgery. "My experiences with advanced biochemistry, physiology, genetics, neurobiology and microbiology among others, covered very similar, if not identical, topics to my medical school courses."

"The coursework at Wartburg provided a strong basics science foundation," added Duchman, an aspiring orthopedic surgeon, "but it also went a step further for students interested in the health sciences. The critical thinking skills I acquired in the courses at Wartburg continue to help me."

First-year U of I medical student Kelsey Lee '10 of Fairbank said, "I was used to challenging classes and being in classes with extremely smart individuals, so being surrounded by 148 other medical students is not intimidating. I'm also used to having good communications with my professors, so interacting with professors here came naturally."

The small college experience

The rapport with professors was another plus.

"Personally knowing my professors kept me from hiding in the crowd and required me to be accountable for my education. I wouldn't have been as successful at a college where I could have just blended in," said Fangman, adding, "My professors were able to write a letter of recommendation that was very individualized, rather than a 'cookie cutter' letter."

Wartburg professors often go the extra mile for their students.

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Alumna takes unconventional path to medical school, returns to Waverly

by Emily Schmitt '11

Shannon Lau '00 worked in a nursing home and enjoyed her science courses during high school.

When it came time to decide on a college, she chose Wartburg, where she had attended several Meistersinger music festivals and had been offered a Meistersinger scholarship.

"I was thinking I was going to be pre-med, and I knew Wartburg had a good program," Lau said.

Lau came to Wartburg and dove right into her biology courses. But after a couple of years she decided to change her major to international relations.

She was still interested in medicine and decided to take the Medical College Admission Test — just in case she would want to go to medical school. She had completed all of the prerequisite courses needed during her first two years at Wartburg.

"Wartburg allowed a lot of leeway to explore," she said. "I don't think I could have done it in four years anywhere other than at a small liberal arts school."

Lau studied abroad in Central America during Fall Term of her senior year. "I saw how there was an overwhelming need for women's health care," she said.

After receiving her MCAT scores, she decided she wanted her medical degree.

She then studied medicine at the University of Iowa.

"The science classes that you get at Wartburg are really solid. I think you're really well prepared for medical school," she said. "The advice you get from your pre-med advisers is great."

Shannon Lau '00

During medical school, Lau returned to Central America to complete a rotation in Nicaragua.

"It was probably the biggest culture shock I've ever had," she said. "The way medicine is practiced is different, but the even bigger difference is the cultural treatment of doctors in Nicaragua. They are unquestioned experts and bedside manner isn't really stressed."

She completed her residency in New Hampshire and came back to Waverly in 2009 to work at the Waverly Health Center, specializing in obstetrics and gynecology, a move that surprised her.

"I never anticipated being back here," she said. "I run into old professors now and then, which is kind of fun." Other surprises have been how much her overall experience at Wartburg has helped her career.

Lau studied Spanish for her international relations degree and said it has proven to be a valuable skill in the medical field.

"There's been lots of occasions where I've been relied on as a translator," she said.

Lau has found her way back to Wartburg's campus many times since her return to Waverly. She has spoken at Tri Beta meetings and presented in classes. She enjoys being able to attend Wartburg events and having old college friends stay with her during Homecoming.

Lau and her husband are also international student host parents.

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McKenna, twice a state champion in the 3,200 meters and once in cross country at Northern University High School in Cedar Falls, remarked, "One of the other reasons I came to Wartburg was because of the outstanding cross country and track programs. When I started doing ovarian cancer research with Dr. Ellerbroek my junior year, I was injured and not racing, but was trying to get healthy enough to compete again. He allowed me to conduct research around my practice and meet schedule.

"When I finally did get healthy enough to race at the conference track meet my senior year, Dr. Ellerbroek told me how happy he was that I was able to run again. Instances like that illustrate how much the faculty in the science department cares about its students."

Well-rounded students

It's a mutual admiration society.

"When I went to the pre-med conference this past fall at Iowa," Henninger said, "they talked about what the admissions committee looks for – motivation, leadership potential, diversity, team member, flexibility, volunteer work in health care and research experience. Those are all things that our students do, whether they're academic all-Americans in football, in choir or in the band."

Duchman may be the "poster boy" as the well-rounded scholar-athlete. As a wide receiver on the football team, he caught 148 passes, graduated with a 3.987 grade point

Kyle Duchman '08

average, was awarded an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship, was a first-team academic All-American, a semifinalist for the Draddy Trophy (the "Academic Heisman"), was selected to the 2006 American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team and was the Iowa Conference 2007-08 Male Athlete of the Year.

In his free time, he volunteered as an emergency room patient assistant at Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo, was a surgery desk volunteer at Waverly Health Center and a Wartburg vocational retreat coordinator.

"Field of Dreams" inspires Dahlquist's medical and Wartburg careers

by Emily Schmitt '11

Clay Dahlquist '94

Clay Dahlquist '94 was in his teens when his grandfather died, and the experience motivated him to become a doctor.

"I didn't have a great experience at the hospital," he said. "No one really discussed things with me, and I hoped I'd be able to practice in a different manner."

Inspired by the film *Field of Dreams*, Dahlquist set his sights on becoming a caring doctor like the character Archibald Wright "Moonlight" Graham, who was based on an actual player-turned-physician.

"I wanted to go to a community and make a difference, make an impact," Dahlquist said.

That baseball film did more than inspire Dahlquist to be a doctor. It also showed the Colorado native that Northeast Iowa wouldn't be a horrible place to go to school.

His parents, Terry '65 and Sandra '66, are Wartburg alumni, so Dahlquist knew about the college. He ended up attending Wartburg and declared majors in chemistry and biology – and he joined the baseball team.

Dahlquist enjoyed his time at Wartburg, especially shadowing Dr. Dan Eggers at Rohlf Clinic in Waverly and Dr. James Young at Sartori Medical Center in Cedar Falls.

He credits Dr. Darold Wolff for helping him through his courses and for mentoring him as he prepared for medical school.

"He was very good at communicating his students' strengths to the universities," Dahlquist said.

With Wolff's guidance, Dahlquist graduated from Wartburg and began studying at Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

"He [Wolff] made a very strong relationship with Wartburg and Des Moines Osteopathic," Dahlquist said. "Wartburg has a reputation. They know Wartburg students are going to be able to come in and do very well."

Dahlquist felt well-prepared for medical school and was happy with the knowledge base he had going in.

He said he barely had to study for his immunology course because biology professor Dr. Ann Henninger taught him so much at Wartburg.

"A lot of my upper-level biology courses, chemistry courses, biochemistry courses were as difficult as my medical school courses," he said.

Dahlquist had received a military scholarship to pay for school, so he was stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska after finishing medical school.

While in Alaska, Dahlquist's parents went on an alumni tour with Eggers and wound up discussing Eggers' upcoming retirement. They mentioned that their son, who had shadowed Eggers as a Wartburg student, was looking for reasons to come back to Iowa. That conversation was the beginning of talks that led to Dahlquist returning to Waverly to take over Eggers' practice.

"It worked out because I had Wartburg connections," Dahlquist said.

Dahlquist now specializes in family practice at Waverly Health Center. He's had Wartburg students shadow him and is often writing them letters of recommendation for medical school. He sees that as a way to repay Wartburg for all the things he learned as a student.

Wartburg health-related placement rates (2000-09)

- Medicine: 88 of 92 applicants, 96 percent (national acceptance rate, 46 percent)
- Physical Therapy: 42 of 44, 95 percent
- Dentistry: 20 of 24, 83 percent
- Optometry: 11 of 11, 100 percent
- Veterinary Medicine: 13 of 14, 93 percent
- Occupational Therapy: 4 of 4, 100 percent
- Nursing: 23 of 23, 100 percent
- Medical Laboratory Science: 6 of 6, 100 percent
- Chiropractic Medicine: 23 of 23, 100 percent
- Pharmacy: 15 of 15, 100 percent
- Physician Assistant: 8 of 9, 89 percent

Westen remarked, "Some of these kids have been on multiple service trips, and you ask them what have they done in terms of their experiences, and they take these things for granted. They'll say, 'Well, for medical experiences, I've just been a CNA (certified nursing assistant) for the past two years and been an intern at the hospital, but that's about all. Oh, yeah, I've done service trips for the last three years. We were building houses at this place or feeding people at the shelter at that place.'

"This is just a matter of course for them," he added. "They don't realize that those are extraordinary experiences."

Challenged and nurtured

But the students not only appreciate the sum total of their Wartburg experiences, they build on them.

"The college does a great job at challenging you to grow as a well-rounded person," said Groom. "I had the opportunity to be involved in service trips, orientation staff, peer counseling and myriad other activities. I was challenged to think for myself, develop opinions and grow spiritually. I had many great faculty and staff take a vested interest in both my academic and personal life, and they were able to strike the right balance of challenging and nurturing."

Groom is "paying it forward" – now and into the future. She is the student coordinator for a DMU mobile clinic, part of its Homeless Camp Outreach that builds relationships with the area's homeless and underrepresented populations during weekly visits and provides medical care twice a month.

Groom – from a military family and a graduate of Ramstein American High School in Germany – will stay in her adopted state to fill a need.

"I plan to go into family practice with obstetrics," she said. "I am a rural medicine scholar, which means that I have a full scholarship in exchange for agreeing to stay in rural Iowa for four years after I finish my residency."

With those types of students and success stories, it's understandable why Ellerbroek stated, "I'm excited by the work we've been doing. It's a point of pride."

His pride is well founded. Indeed, even the governor gushes like an admissions counselor about Wartburg's pre-med program.

Said Katelyn Thompson '09 of Fort Dodge, a second-year medical student at Des Moines University. "I think the best compliment came from Des Moines University's former president – now Governor Terry Branstad. He told me that if students are looking for the undergraduate school that will prepare them the best for medical school it is Wartburg College."

Wartburg makes impact at Iowa medical schools

by Saul Shapiro

Of the 92 Wartburg students who applied to medical schools during 2000-09, 88 were accepted (96 percent).

They enrolled in medical school programs at Iowa, Midwestern, Nebraska-Omaha, St. Louis, UCLA, American University of the Caribbean and Charles University in Prague; and into Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine programs at Des Moines University, Kansas City, Philadelphia, Rocky Vista (Colorado) and Virginia.

Wartburg has comparatively sizeable contingents at Iowa's two medical schools – the University of Iowa's Carver College of Medicine and the Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Wartburg had 42 students accepted at the University of Iowa medical school from 2000 to 2010. It currently has 18 students enrolled in the four-year program, according to Director of Admissions Kathi Huebner.

For perspective, 149 students from 62 institutions across the nation were admitted at Iowa in fall 2010. That included 58 graduates of the Iowa regents institutions – Iowa, 42, and Iowa State, 16. Of the 21 graduates from all other Iowa colleges, five are from Wartburg.

Wartburg's admissions rate at Iowa was similar to Harvard, ISU, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Notre Dame, Washington State and Wheaton (Illinois) in 2009 and Augustana (Illinois), Case Western Reserve (Ohio) and ISU in 2010.

DMU has a total enrollment of 1,800 in nine programs, including some that award administrative degrees. Wartburg has 23 graduates currently in three programs – 20 in osteopathic medicine, a holistic approach to medical care; two in the physician assistant program, and one in podiatric medicine, specializing in the feet, ankle and lower leg.

"We have a good influx of students for a school the size of Wartburg," said Margie Gehringer, DMU director of enrollment management. "The number is disproportionately high. We monitor a few high-caliber feeder schools, and Wartburg is one of them."

She stated, "Schools with five-year totals close to Wartburg's include the University of Northern Iowa, the University of Minnesota, and BYU-Idaho." Gehringer added that Wartburg students have a reputation for being "well prepared."

Students develop professional relationships, get hands-on medical experience at WHC

by Emily Schmitt '11

Shea Kruger '12 jumps to her feet as a patient suffering from a head injury is rushed into the emergency room. She watches the chaos as monitors are hooked up and tests taken.

"The ambulance goes out, a patient comes in, and within five minutes they're hooked up to all these monitors and the nurse is explaining to me what each little line means and what's going on," Kruger said. "It's really cool to learn something on the spot like that."

Years stand between Kruger and a medical degree, but she is learning early about life in the medical field. Kruger volunteers in Waverly Health Center's emergency room, where she makes beds, disinfects equipment, gets glasses of water for patients and takes blood samples to the lab.

Through Wartburg's pre-medical career relationship with the health center, Kruger and other first- and second-year biology majors volunteer 30 hours at the hospital.

"Once they have completed their 30 hours they can begin the formal shadowing program and work alongside physicians," said Jo Dorrance, Wartburg's internship coordinator.

Students spend 30 hours shadowing physicians in general surgery, the emergency room, the after-hours walk-in clinic, the women's clinic, Nashua family practice, Christophel specialty clinic and physical therapy.

"The doctors there are really great. If there's a patient in – even though a bed needs to be made – the doctor will say, 'The bed can wait, come follow me and check out this head wound,' " she said.

Kruger said the physicians make her feel welcome, and she values the opportunity to observe and learn firsthand.

She often learns things in class that help her better understand what was affecting a patient she had previously encountered in the ER.

She said the program gives students experience in the hospital early in their academic careers, allowing them to reaffirm that it's really the field they want to work in.

The program also gives students opportunities to network with medical professionals.

"Shadowing gives them a terrific advantage when they begin applying to medical or other graduate school programs," Dorrance said.

Dorrance and Kruger said relationships with physicians often result in letters of recommendations for medical school.

Shea Kruger '12 of Grafton, Iowa, studies X-rays while working as an intern at the Waverly Health Center.

The volunteering and shadowing program was developed in 2006 by Dorrance and WHC volunteer coordinator Laurie Everhardt. More than 70 students participate in it annually. From January 2008 to December 2010, 179 students put in 4,200 hours of volunteer time at the health center.

"I saw the biology program growing by leaps and bounds," Dorrance said. "We needed to find alternatives to the traditional internship for these students and to provide practical experience that would help guide them as they decided what to pursue after graduating from Wartburg. The tremendous success rate of acceptance into medical schools is evidence that the program is working effectively."

A new mentoring program was launched last fall, partnering students with Waverly Health Center physicians for a more personal relationship.

"The goal of this program will be to allow students to ask questions outside of shadowing such as 'What is the application process to medical school like?' or 'How do you balance your career and family life?' We hope this will give students another edge as they graduate from Wartburg," Dorrance said.

Kruger approached Dorrance about the possibility of starting the mentoring program after she shadowed a family friend last summer. She said he gave her career advice and insight into the medical profession. She thought other Wartburg students could benefit from a similar relationship.

"I think everyone should be able to have someone like that to talk to," Kruger said. "Before shadowing him I was pretty sure I wanted to be a doctor, but not dead set on it. But after that day with him I was like, 'This is incredible, this is what I want to do with my life."

photo by Haley Flores '13

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Wartburg, Allen College play to strengths, build nursing partnership

by Saul Shapiro

Wartburg College's accelerated 3+1 nursing program with Allen College of Nursing in Waterloo continues to pick up speed.

The program enables Wartburg students interested in a nursing career to pick up dual degrees – one from Wartburg and the other from Allen – while accelerating their entry directly into the profession or the pursuit of an advanced degree. And it takes just over four years, rather than five.

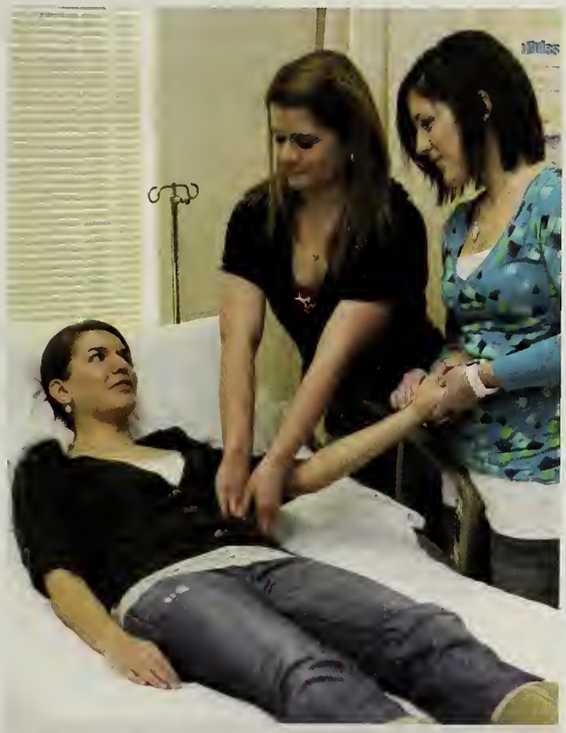
"In the 3+1 they take almost every course they're supposed to in terms of general education, and they take most of the science courses in three years, plus some of the basic courses Allen counts toward the biology degree," said Dr. Roy Ventullo, professor of biology and Burk-Will Chair in Biology and director of undergraduate research.

"We have always had students finish four years at Wartburg and go to accelerated nursing programs designed for people who have already completed a bachelor's or graduate degree in a non-nursing program," Ventullo said. "That would be four years plus 15 months.

"With the 3+1 program, our students go there following their junior year in summer, fall and winter and that second summer. One of the great things is that our students get to walk with their classmates here in May (for graduation), and then go back to Allen to get that degree in August."

During the past four years, Wartburg has significantly increased its relationship with Allen College, which is part of Allen Health Systems (Allen Memorial Hospital) and affiliated with Iowa Health Systems, the state's largest integrated health-care system.

In 2008, only four Wartburg students were involved in the 3+1 program, which had an overall class of 27. For the 2010-11 academic year, 16 Wartburg students are in a class of 32. Loras and Central College both have similar agreements with Allen – modeled on the Wartburg program – but a lesser presence. Some of the other students are University of Northern Iowa graduates.



Stephanie Berndt '11 of Owatanna, Minn., and Daina Deery '11 of Cedar Falls check on classmate Jena Wynn '11 of Colorado Springs in an Allen College clinic setting.

The higher numbers for Wartburg reflect new initiatives between the two schools.

Dr. Edith Waldstein, Wartburg's vice president for enrollment management, served on a curricular advisory board for Allen starting in 1989 – and later on its board of trustees – as it designed its general education curriculum for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

According to Waldstein, the 3+1 relationship took off after a new agreement was reached four years ago, and Ventullo began advising the program. It now is a "win-win-win" program for Wartburg, Allen and nursing students.

"There are significant numbers of prospective students interested in nursing, and Wartburg does not have a stand-alone program," Waldstein said. "This partnership with Allen allows us to recruit students interested in nursing, and the selling points are strong: An excellent science and liberal arts foundation from Wartburg – with proven success – and excellent nursing education and training from one of the top nursing schools in Iowa – with proven success."

Ventullo agrees. "For us, the big advantage when you're talking to students and parents is that it's only four years of tuition total rather than five. I think some of those students are here because it is 3+1. We may not have attracted them otherwise because we didn't have a nursing program."

Joanna Ramdsen-Meier, director of student services at Allen, lauded Wartburg's involvement.

"Roy is just awesome. He knows the program, is invested in it and knows what students are in the wings," she said. "Admissions is the same way. As soon as the student says, 'nursing,' they know where to direct them and the curriculum they need to take."

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Jill Blanshan '11 of Cedar Falls, who is in the accelerated program at Allen, said the 3+1 program "definitely influenced my decision to attend Wartburg."

"My senior year of high school, I knew that I was interested in entering the medical profession, and after shadowing a nurse at Covenant Medical Center I decided to pursue nursing as a career," Blanshan said. "When I found that Wartburg had a program with Allen in which I would be getting two degrees in just four years and three months, I knew that Wartburg was my best option."

On the other hand, Stacy White Huck '11 of Plainfield came to Wartburg envisioning a career in communication arts.

"At the end of my freshman year, I decided journalism wasn't for me," she said, "and I really wanted to pursue a career in the health-care field. I knew I didn't want to be a doctor, so I began to look for other opportunities that Wartburg offered and found the 3+1 program with Allen College. I changed my major to biology, knowing that I could become a nurse and have two degrees in the same amount of time."

Kathryn Slocum '11 of Des Moines, believes the well-rounded Wartburg curriculum has served her well.

Dr. Edith Waldstein '73

"Anatomy and Physiology — due to the intensity and fast-paced nature of the class — prepared me for what the classes are like at Allen," she said. "Other classes that helped are Human Relations, Aging in Society, and Death and Dying.

"Human Relations taught me how to work with different people from different backgrounds. Aging in Society gave me another perspective on the expanding aging population and, in most fields of nursing, how the aging population is being treated. My Death and Dying classes taught me about different cultures' reactions to death and how to approach the grieving process with families."

Daina Deery '11, Stephanie Berndt '11 and Jena Wynn '11 study in the Allen College Library.

"Countless times thus far, I have been thankful for the education I received while at Wartburg," said Stephanie Berndt '11 of Owatonna, Minn. "Compared to some of the other students in the program, I feel as though I came in with more prior knowledge and experience. Information learned at Wartburg has supplemented the nursing information I am learning at Allen. I became familiar with the disease process and how the body works and responds to illness in my classes at Wartburg, and now I am learning how to care for people with these diseases."

Jena Wynn '11 of Colorado Spring, Colo., cited a seamless transition. "I did not feel overwhelmed in the least. The most overwhelming part of transitioning to Allen is the heavy schedule — since it's accelerated — and the new experience of interacting with patients on a regular basis during clinical."

"Things seem to click better for Wartburg students during that first summer," Ramsden-Meier said, "because they've taken more science courses than other students. That can be a stressful summer for those students, and it's basic nursing stuff that you have to know to move onto fall."

For Wartburg students, the Allen program is advantageous in a number of ways.

Dr. Roy Ventullo

"It's early acceptance for the 3+1," Ventullo said. "Students know within a month of applying that they're getting into Allen."

The 3+1 program graduates also don't have to worry about acceptance if they want to enter an accelerated program for a master's degree.

"They are guaranteed a spot," Ramsden-Meier said. "Our family nurse practitioner program is the most popular, and there are times when we have to halt admissions because it's so full. So that's really a bonus."

"We have two colleges that do what they do well and have formed a synergy," Ventullo said. "Our students are very well prepared for the Allen program. Allen really likes our students. It's been a very good association."

photo by Julie Drewes '90

Wartburg helps initiate pilot program that provides needed relief for foster parents

by Saul Shapiro

Foster parents in Northeast Iowa have received some much-needed relief thanks to a pilot project developed by the Wartburg College social work department and an area foster parents group.

A respite-care program launched in 2009-2010 has enabled children in foster parents' care to stay in their homes – under the supervision of trained respite caregivers – when their foster parents leave town.

Sounds simple enough, but until the pilot project began, said Nancy Magnall, of the Iowa Foster and Adoptive Parents Association, "the only option that foster parents had under the (state Department of Human Services) rules was to take the children to another foster home. We had to uproot the kids and take them to a foster home that probably already had kids in its care."

"Most of us," said Dr. Tammy Faux, associate professor of social work, "if we have kids and family in the area, can take them to grandma's house so that we can have a weekend away. Foster parents haven't had the luxury of doing that."

Students in a class taught by Faux helped launch the program after interviewing foster parents and learning that respite-care availability was a big concern.

Working with the Allison Area Foster Parent Association, which procured a $5,000 Adoptuskids grant, the Wartburg students helped train and certify 14 respite caregivers in 2010 for a program they hope will become a state model. Magnall said the project also received $2,000 from an area church, CUNA Mutual and a community foundation grant.

Because the Wartburg social work department does much of the legwork, most of the money can be used to pay respite caregivers, which DHS can't do under the state code.

"Iowa does not have a lot of open beds," said Katelyn Bienemann '11 of Waverly. "So parents end up not being able to leave to take vacations or attend weddings, funerals and workshops because they cannot find an open house for their children.

"The pilot program we've been involved in is really unique to our Iowa foster care program. It allows the parents some time to recuperate and take a break to re-energize and get done what they need to get done."

Bienemann added, "We're also hoping this could be a recruiting tool for potential foster parents to try it out as well as a tool for maintaining foster parents who may be feeling burned out."

Foster parents are appreciative.

"Finding respite can be challenging and finding someone who can do respite for three at the same time is next to impossible," said Pamela Jones of Dike, who – along with her husband, Bill – cares for three children. "In the case of our sibling group, we would be looking at taking the children to at least two different homes, but most likely three. The kids would have to be split, and as the foster parents we have to travel quite some distance to get to the homes that are available.

"The children have more of a 'normal' life," she added. "They think of the providers as a babysitter. If we take our children to a respite home, often times the children think they have done something bad. Those feelings often showed up in the children's behaviors once they returned the foster home."

Brooke Lentz '13 of Palo, Iowa, plays with an adopted daughter of Orville and Teresa Bultsma during a foster parents meeting in Waverly. Lentz had provided respite care for the Bultsmas on several occasions.

Nine families from Bremer, Butler, Franklin, Grundy and Black Hawk counties initially took advantage of the program – some as many as nine times – as 15 families signed up.

Theresa and Orville Bultsma of Cedar Falls, who have since adopted their two daughters, used respite caregivers six times. They appreciated that Wartburg students Brooke Lentz '13 of Palo, and Mandi Rodger '11 from Sheldon, "both were good with the girls," and "had the same training that foster parents have to go through to be licensed."

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"I had a great time doing respite," said Rodger. "The children enjoyed having someone come into their house to spend time with them. Before providing respite for a family, I found out the ages of the children so I knew what activities to bring with me."

Wartburg students have had the satisfaction of turning research into reward, reaping valuable insights in the process.

"I became interested in providing respite care because I helped with the research done with the Allison Area Foster Parent Group on the need for in-home respite care," said Kori Kleinschmidt '11 of Nashua. "I also had helped with child care during the foster parent group's meetings and had met most of the children. I thought that providing respite care would be a great experience for my future career as a social worker as well as providing foster parents with a much needed break."

"I became involved in respite care because I am interested in becoming a foster parent," said Toni Wulf '13 of Shell Rock. "Respite care gives me the opportunity to understand what to expect to a certain extent. Also, I gained insight on the role of the foster parent and the how the system runs."

"We are very pleased with the success of our project so far," Magnall said. "We are anxious to train our second group of respite providers. We are hopeful that with one more year's experience we will be able to present the case to the Department of Human Services that the program should be expanded so it is available to foster parents statewide."

Faux believes it could pay dividends. "We're hoping this could be a recruiting tool for potential foster parents to try it out as well as a tool for maintaining foster parents who may be feeling burned out."

"This is a wonderful project," Pamela Jones remarked, "and I hope it can someday soon be implemented statewide."

Bergland's artistic magic enhances Wartburg music

by Linda Moeller '66

From her "Garage Mahal" in rural Floyd, Iowa, artist Janiece Bergland creates majestic stage backdrops that inspire audiences and enhance performance halls throughout the state.

Since retiring in 2000 after a 31-year career as a vocal music director, Bergland has concentrated on her avocation, painting. After creating sets for musicals she directed at Charles City High School, her reputation as an artist and her connections resulted in commissions for backdrops at the high school, college and community level.

Bergland's second backdrop for Christmas with Wartburg debuted at this year's performances in Neumann Auditorium and at the Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines. She has created two backdrops for Juletide at Luther College in Decorah and seven for Morningside College's Christmas at Morningside in Sioux City.

"Janiece has a tremendous understanding of how her art illuminates the music," said Dr. Lee Nelson, executive director of Christmas with Wartburg. "I can visit with her about specific pieces and she knows the character/emotion of each piece. This creates a mural filled with images that truly depict the essence of the music and how it ties into each year's theme."

Charles City area artist Janiece Bergland designed a mural depicting the Christmas with Wartburg theme, "Shepherd Us, O Holy Child."

Bergland inherited a love of painting from her mother, but decided on a career in music instead. "I took some art classes in college, but I was a music major," she said.

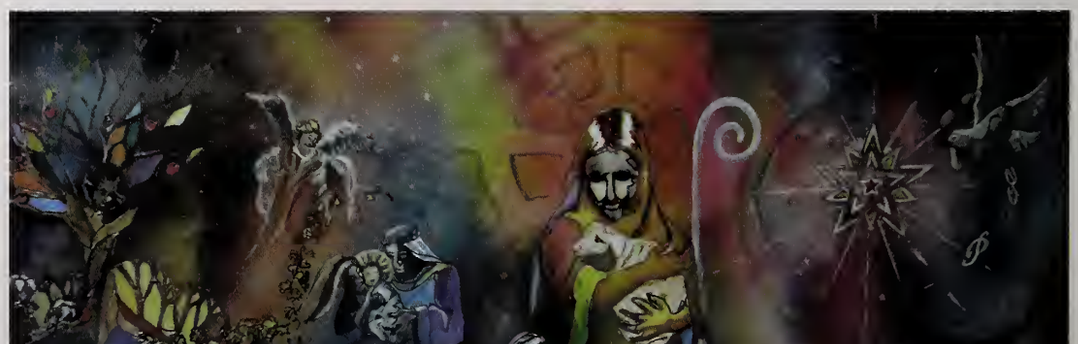


photo by Julie Drewes '90

After graduating from the University of Northern Iowa, she taught vocal music in the Tripoli schools for three years, then spent 28 years directing choirs and teaching music in Charles City. After her retirement, she taught as an interim choral director of Sangkor Women's Choir at Waldorf College in Forest City and began accepting commissions for backdrops. A booth at the annual Iowa Choral Directors Convention is her primary promotional tool.

"I try to approach each backdrop as a watercolor," says Bergland, who is a signature member of the Iowa Watercolor Society and exhibits at the annual Charles City Art-a-Fest and other venues around the state.

She creates her watercolor paintings in the sun-drenched greenhouse of her home, which overlooks the Cedar River. But her stage sets require the larger workspace of what she has dubbed her "Garage Mahal." The two-story structure across the driveway was designed to accommodate tall backdrops and store set pieces. It also features an upstairs den in one corner, and, if he's lucky, space for her husband, Bruce, to store hunting and fishing equipment.

She begins thinking about each project the minute she accepts a commission and works with music directors to conceptualize the images.

Before she puts her brush to the canvas, she admits to frequent thoughts of "Whatever made me think I could do this — it's so hard."

But once she gets past those initial doubts, things begin falling in place.

Bergland first creates a painting-sized version of the backdrop. Then it's time to size and hang the giant muslin canvas in the two-story area of her garage. She uses cooked starch and water, just as she would for a painting, but unlike her paintings, she is dwarfed by the 18-foot tall canvas. As it dries, she checks to make sure it maintains its shape.

Once the entire canvas is dry, Bergland uses an overhead projector to project the image from her original painting onto the muslin. She uses sidewalk chalk to draw the design, one section at a time.

"I grid everything," she explains. "Otherwise, with an overhead projector, things get out of whack."

She estimates that it takes two or three days to draw the design. Then, she carefully rolls up the canvas and takes it to the building's two-stall garage, where she unrolls it on the floor.

Equipped with knee pads from a building supply store, a small platform with casters, and a simple foam brush, she begins painting, a process that takes five or six days. She moves across the canvas with the mobile platform, and when one section is finished and dry, she rolls it up and begins work on the next part.

She uses only three colors, yellow, magenta and blue, and mixes everything else, noting that "otherwise, things get muddy."

"I don't change work clothes until I'm done," she adds.

photo by Julie Drewes '90

Kneepads become an essential artist's tool when Janiece Bergland paints murals on the cement floor of her "Garage Mahal."

The Christmas with Wartburg stage backdrop measured 40-feet wide by 18-feet tall, and Bergland also designed a 9-by-18-foot panel for each side of the stage.

Once her work is installed in the performance venue, the artist consults with the lighting crew and director to determine the finishing touches. This year, she worked with Wartburg production manager Hans Pregler, who created an extensive lighting scheme that highlighted portions of the backdrop or the entire mural during various parts of the program.

"Her creativity is infectious," said Nelson, adding that Bergland "is a consummate professional and willing to work extremely hard to make sure the final product is exactly what we want. It is a real blessing to work with her.

The commissioning of Bergland's artwork was made possible through the generosity of the Ruth Weidler Drape '58 Music Endowment Fund.

Social worker trades Iowa office for Afghanistan camp

by Emily Schmitt '11

When Dan Grinstead '72 attended Wartburg, he joined anti-Vietnam War protests on campus and never considered enlisting in the military.

Nearly four decades later he did an about-face. Today Capt. Dan Grinstead is stationed in Kabul, Afghanistan.

"The best way to help soldiers is to become one," Grinstead now says.

That realization has changed his life. After graduating from Wartburg and getting his master's degree, Grinstead became a social worker at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City. He spent his entire professional career at that hospital – until he decided to become a soldier.

Hearing about soldiers suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and other problems triggered his decision to begin a late-in-life military career.

Dan Grinstead '72

"As I was watching the news, it occurred to me that the skill set I had as a social worker was needed, that I could step up to the plate to help the soldiers," he said.

So he spoke with a recruiter and enlisted in the Iowa National Guard. Never mind that he was 57 years old.

"It's highly unusual for the National Guard in Iowa to take someone as old as I was," he said. "But the recruiter was willing to take a chance on me."

He wanted to show respect to soldiers by doing everything they did. "I was willing to put on the uniform and go to drills and be deployed," he said.

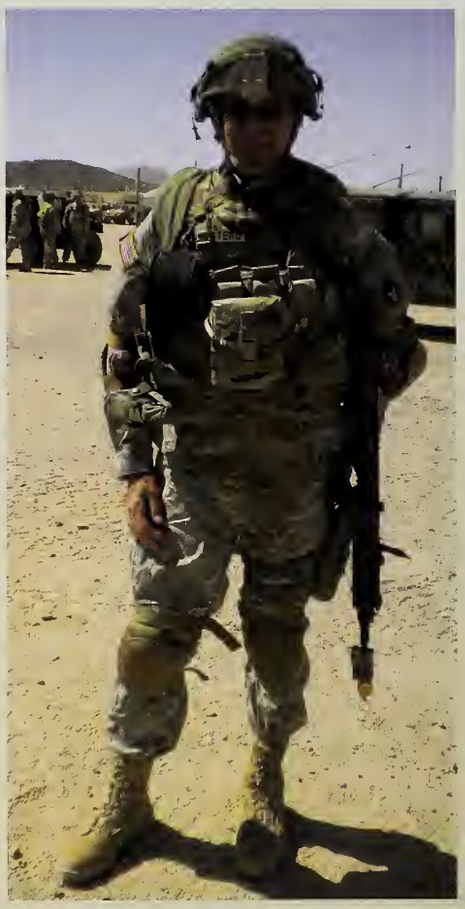
Grinstead's age caught the attention of fellow soldiers as well as the national media. NBC featured him in its "Making a Difference" segment in August 2010.

Although Grinstead is willing to tell his story, he insists it isn't really about him.

"The real story is about the soldiers I work with," he said. "They've made the decision to join the military knowing full well they were going to war."

Grinstead, now 60, left his Iowa City desk behind for pre-mobilization training at Camp Shelby in Mississippi last fall. His brigade later went to Fort Irwin in California before being deployed to Afghanistan last November.

He is currently practicing social work at Bagram Airfield near Kabul, Afghanistan. The base is home to approximately 30,000 coalition troops, and Grinstead will call it home until August.



Capt. Dan Grinstead '72 enlisted in the National Guard at age 57 and at 60 is in Afghanistan.

Grinstead has formal and informal conversations with soldiers, trying to help them deal with the stresses of military life.

"My work here is very similar to the work that I do at University Hospitals, with the exception that some of the problems soldiers face are a result of being away from family and friends," he said.

Grinstead said many soldiers deal with problems that aren't easily fixed with a telephone conversation or e-mail, and he tries to help them cope with that helpless feeling.

While he is working with soldiers overseas, his family and friends are cheering him on from home.

"Everyone has been very supportive. They understand my motivation and they understood from the beginning that there was a chance I would be deployed," Grinstead said.

"It's been phenomenal to make this decision to join the guard. It just seemed like the right thing to do."

Worth Repeating

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Learn to play the piano. Take up some kind of hobby. If your work is a drag, make a game out of it. Make the point of the game to become the best that you can at what you do. People sense it when someone else is really trying. It's inspiring. If you can do that, you'll never be ignored. I guarantee it.

– Dr. Amy Nolan, assistant professor of English, speaking at midyear Commencement, Dec. 12

I don't have any notion

that I changed people's opinions. This is an issue that engenders very strong feelings. … It was not fair to single out that group of people, homosexuals, and deny them the opportunity to participate in that kind of relationship.

– Polk County District Court Judge Robert Hanson, speaking at a Constitution Day event Sept. 21 about his decision upholding equal protection for same-sex couples, including marriage

Public support

for public libraries is declining nationwide, despite the fact that they are pivotal to our survival as a civilization. Libraries are the engines of a nation's progress, and we all must work together to preserve and support this foundation of a civil society.

– Carl Volkmann '55, retired public library director, commenting after the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science named a scholarship fund for public librarianship in his honor

If the government

does cut back spending, but there's no other changes that happen in the private sector or in the trade account, then that's likely to have a seriously adverse effect on economic activity. People who call for big cutbacks in government spending fail to understand this very basic point: It's like going to a doctor if you have cancer, and the doctor describes a treatment of chemotherapy. The chemo will help eliminate the cancer cells, but the doctor has to determine what the overall treatment is going to do to other parts of your body. It's going to kill a lot of good cells as well.

– Marshall Auerbeck, financial consultant, senior fellow at the Roosevelt Institute, media spokesperson on the Business News Network and Fox News, and keynote speaker on Corporation Education Day, Nov. 16

If there's one

thing I've learned in life, failure is not the falling down, but the standing up. I also know you have to build a corps of believers. There was a processor in Indiana who had been watching my work and said, "Do you think it will work?" And with my fingers crossed, I said, "I think so." So we built a tank to hold 40,000 gallons of tomatoes. When I saw the size of the tank, I knew we either had something or the world's biggest Bloody Mary ever made.

– Dr. Philip Nelson, 2007 World Food Prize laureate, who developed a process allowing food to be shipped in bulk without refrigeration or spoilage, speaking at a Oct. 12 convocation

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and give us the money you were going to spend on a new couch when you gave us the old one. Let us have matching furniture and beautiful new floors and curtains that work. … For the number of women who have come in and lived in that house from 2005 to 2010, it cost about half the amount of money it would have to house those women in prison. You can do it lavishly and beautifully, but it still can be economical. Isn't that great?

– The Rev. Becca Stevens, Episcopalian chaplain for St. Augustine's Chapel at Vanderbilt University and founder of the Magdalene houses for women who have survived violence, prostitution and addiction, speaking at an Oct. 5 convocation

I was a kid who had a love

and a dream of becoming a professional baseball player. My path for life was set at an early age. I knew exactly what I wanted to do with my life. But I found out so many times in my life that on the path I had selected, the doors of opportunity had been slammed shut. But then it seemed like every new door that has opened up has led to something greater.

– Keith Stock, former first-year coach of the Norway High School baseball team depicted in the movie, *The Final Season* speaking at a Nov. 9 convocation

Running leads to life changes for Johnson

by Mark Adkins '90

Steve Johnson

Steve Johnson makes the most of his travel opportunities.

Unlike the casual tourist, Wartburg's cross country coach is known to add a run almost every day, no matter where he is.

"I've told people I want to see the world with my feet," he said with a laugh. "I figure I've run 40,000 miles throughout my life. The equator is 25,000 miles around, so I guess I've circled the earth once and am more than halfway around the second time."

"I love to run, I'm a Type A personality who can't sit still too long, so it's perfect for me. So combining that with the fact that travel is part of my life was easy."

Johnson's overseas stops have included Beijing and the Great Wall in China; Lyon, France and Brussels, Belgium. He also has run in most states as head coach of the Knights' men and women's cross country programs and as assistant coach of the Wartburg men and women's track and field teams.

"I don't just look for the main roads," he said. "I like to get out and see the culture of the areas we are in. When I ran in France and Belgium, as a coach (for alumna Missy Buttry Rock '05) at the world cross country championships, I intentionally found places to see what the cities and surrounding area were truly like. Running by historical sites and landmarks that are hundreds of years old is a great way to see things."

"Running in China was an incredible experience," Johnson added. "Running on the Great Wall and around Mao's tomb and Tiananmen Square was awesome. For much of the China trip, we were in a city with no other Westerners. On my runs I was really out on my own and could see how the average person lived. Fortunately, I have a pretty good sense of direction because I would have been in real trouble if I had gotten lost out on a 10-mile run where absolutely nobody spoke English. Running has helped me get some neat perspectives on the world."

Those perspectives don't end with just goals of fitness and enjoyment. They've also led to chances to help others as occurred last fall when he ran with a group from the church he and his wife, Linda, attend in Cedar Falls to raise money for a school in Mozambique.

"Don Williams, a good friend of mine and colleague through track and cross country, organized groups to run together at different marathons through Orchard Hill Church in Cedar Falls," Johnson said. "The purpose of the group is to share together in the enjoyment of running while raising money for foreign missions."

"The first time the group ran was in 2009, training for the Chicago Marathon," he added. "I already had plans that year, and it didn't work out. So, this past summer, when Coach Williams decided to work with another group running in the Des Moines Marathon, I jumped right in. We had about 120 or so people training all summer and then running in the Des Moines marathon and half-marathon in mid-October. Beyond those numbers, though, it's what we were running for that really makes it special."

Children in the rural Mozambique village had no school or teacher, and they used rocks as chairs and a tree as protection from the elements. They couldn't even meet during the rainy season. The runners raised $85,000, and the church pitched in an additional $20,000 to complete the fundraising.

"The school is being built, and a teacher will be hired to give the kids a real chance to improve their lives and maybe their entire community in a significant way," Johnson said. "It is very cool that a group of runners in Iowa can help to change a culture on the other side of the planet. While running is a good source of exercise and a healthy lifestyle, I like to look for those options to help out via the sport, too."

Skye Morrison'12, Marion Jones and Nevada Morrison '12

photo by Amand Gahler '11

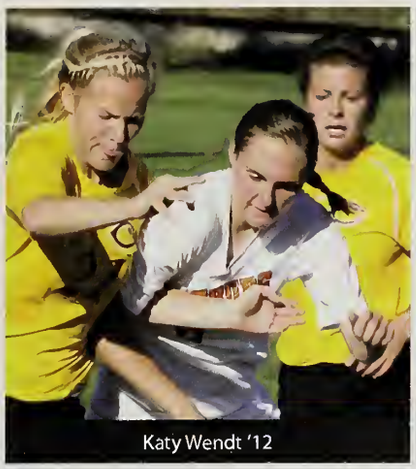
INTRODUCING AN OLYMPIAN

Women's indoor and outdoor track and field All-Americans/ national champions Skye '12 and Nevada '12 Morrison recently took advantage of a rare opportunity. The twins, who have been a key part of back-to-back team national indoor titles for the Knights, introduced Olympian Marion Jones at a Take Back Your Life event, hosted by WVON Radio in Chicago at the Tinley Park Convention Center. They also received copies of Ms. Jones' book, *On The Right Track*.

Academic All-American makes most of life

by Mark Adkins '90

Katy Wendt '12 relishes all challenges.


Katy Wendt '12

Her collegiate career is full of them. The Bettendorf native is majoring in psychology with minors in Spanish and English literature with a grade-point average just under 4.0. Soccer is part of her busy extracurricular calendar that includes tutoring children in the Waterloo-Cedar Falls area in English as a second language.

"You can't look back at or change a transcript," Wendt said. "There are so many opportunities. I just want to be a part of as many as I can."

Soccer and helping people are her primary interests.

"I would play soccer 24/7 if I could," she said with a smile. "I got into (the sport) early. My older brother, Ryan, and I used to make two goals and a small field in the living room of our parents house when we were around 5 years old. After that, when I was 8, I started on club teams and have been playing ever since."

Her hard work has paid off. She led the 2010 Knights to a conference overall and tournament runner-up finish that netted an NCAA Division III national tournament berth by scoring 15 goals and 39 points. Wendt earned first-team all-Iowa Conference honors for the second year in a row and was a first-team all-Central Region and second-team All-American selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association.

In the classroom, she became Wartburg's 74th CoSida (Collegiate Sports Information Directors of America)/ESPN collegiate division academic All-American.

"I just like giving 100 percent to everything I do," she said. "I give it all I can."

Her post-collegiate plans include practicing law.

"There are many possibilities in the area I'm looking into," Wendt said, including using her Spanish minor to possibly assist Hispanic clients.

"I've always liked Spanish," she added. "It was a big part of my high school career, so I decided to carry it on in college. It's led to one of the most amazing experiences I've had ... taking a trip to Mexico during May Term in 2008-09. We had to work at a school and help with some projects in the town of Cuernavaca. It was great working to help make their lives a little better. We even got to play some soccer with the children. It was fun. It would be great to help out in some way."

Athletics leading Iowa Conference, rank high in Division III

Wartburg held leads in all three Iowa Conference 2010-11 all-sports trophy competitions through the fall season.

The men's programs had a half-point advantage on Loras (22-21.5) for the Hertel award thanks to conference titles in football and soccer. The women's programs totaled 38 points to lead Luther by three for the Giles trophy with a title in women's golf and all sports finishing no worse than a tie for third.

Wartburg hopes to bring home the Hertel trophy for a 14th consecutive year and securing the Giles trophy for the fourth consecutive year. The Knights have won the IIAC All-Sports Championship Trophy in the past eight years.

On the second Division III Learfield Sports Directors' Cup standings, released Dec. 23, Wartburg was 18th. The Orange and Black had totaled 173 points thanks to a 14th-place finish in women's cross country and 17th-place standings in football, women's soccer and volleyball.

Complete standings are available at http://www.nacda.com

photo by Oana Pottenko

Wartburg's 2010 football squad was the program's third unbeaten and untied regular season conference champion. They joined the 1999 and 2003 squads in the feat.

photo by Julie Drewes

Lori Tlach '11 models her NCAA Division III All-American award following her 17th-place finish at the 2010 national cross country meet in November. Tlach helped lift the host Knights to a 14th-place finish.

photo by Amanda Gahler

Britlyn Sieck '13 of West Union earned honorable mention all-Central Region honors. She helped lead the Knights to the 2010 Iowa Conference volleyball tournament title and a berth in the NCAA Division III Championships.

The legacy continues to grow for one Wartburg family

by Hannah Cox '13

With the Dickman and Tehven families, "legacy" looms large at Wartburg.

Twenty-four members of their families have attended or are attending Wartburg College, including three current students: Melissa (Missy) and Meganne McMurray of Nora Springs and Matthew (Matt) Dickman of Savage, Minn.

Three generations of Wartburg students form the branches of this "orange" tree.

Dickman's parents, David '85 and Wendy Tehven '85 Dickman, attended Wartburg. Ditto his maternal grandparents, Jon '58 and Gloria Tehven '60.

Dickman's paternal grandparents, Dennis '59 and Karen '61, graduated from Wartburg as did their children – Lori, Joel '88 and David.

Dickman's aunt, Lori Axdahl '61, is the mother of Melissa and Meganne.

"Our whole family loves Wartburg," said Meganne '13, a biology major with minors in psychology and Spanish.

Missy '11, a communication arts major who is pursuing a leadership program certificate, said she did not really look at other schools.

"Wartburg was my main (choice) throughout because we've always heard about Wartburg," she said. "For Christmas presents, sometimes you'd get a Wartburg shirt."

Dickman, a first-year student with a computer science preference, did look at other schools, but ultimately decided on Wartburg. All four of his grandparents live in Waverly, so he's grown up around the campus.

Meganne spent a great deal of time looking at schools.

Meganne '13 and Melissa McMurray '11 flank their cousin, Matthew Dickman '14

"I wanted to go somewhere small enough that I could play volleyball, and I didn't want my family to be the only reason why I went somewhere," said Meganne.

Meganne and Missy are glad to be at the same school.

"We're best friends, and we wouldn't have really seen each other much if I would have gone somewhere else," said Meganne.

"Since I am graduating this year, I don't really want to leave Meganne," added Missy. "It makes it a lot more fun to have a sibling here."

Dickman said the family pressure to attend Wartburg wasn't overbearing. "They want you to go here, but won't disown you if you don't," he said.

Missy said her grandparents may joke about the expectation, but it's all in good fun.

The cousins have younger siblings who aren't sure if they'll carry on the family legacy.

Dickman said his younger sister "is kind of in-between if she wants to follow the family or if she wants to go against it and not do it because it's what we do."

Likewise, Missy and Meganne said their younger sister is unsure.

"Our little sister sees everyone coming to Wartburg and says, 'I'm not going to come to Wartburg.' But I'm sure when it comes down to it when she's older, she'll see Wartburg as one of the top places," Missy said.

This year was particularly notable for the Dickman family when Missy was crowned Homecoming queen.

Her grandma, Karen, was eager to share the news.

"I think she e-mailed everyone in her address book," Missy said.

Hanna Cox is a communication arts major from Epworth.

photo by Julie Drewes '90

Schemmels step down after 25 years at Wartburg West

by Kristin Canning '14

An era is ending at Wartburg West. Jack and Marietta Schemmel will step down as social activities coordinators at the end of the academic year after 25 years.

The couple has been organizing culturally enriching outings for Wartburg West students since the program was created in 1985.

The Schemmels will be difficult to replace, according to the Rev. Bonita Bock, co-director of Wartburg West with her husband, Nelson.

"They have provided such incredible leadership," Bonita said. "What they do is such a meaningful part of students' semesters."

The couple contacts various alumni in the Denver area and asks them to take students out to experience the city.

"We have a wide, wide variety of activities," Marietta said, citing tours of Georgetown and Breckenridge, mountain hiking, musicals, concerts, museums, botanical gardens, rodeos and sporting events.

Students choose the activities they're most interested in when they begin their fall and winter semesters at Wartburg West. The Schemmels organize the outings so that different alumni take students out two or three times during their stay.

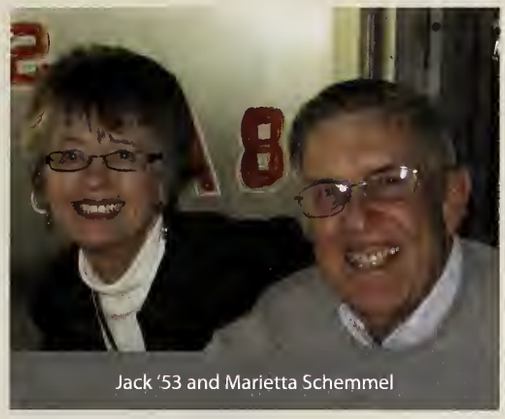
Jack and Marietta also treat students to a meal when they arrive to get them acquainted with Denver.

"We've had more than 700 students go through the program, and we've had breakfast, lunch or dinner with about 675 of them," Jack said.

Their job, the Schemmels said, hasn't felt like work.

"It's a wonderful experience to meet so many great students," Marietta said. "We've been the biggest beneficiaries."

Even in retirement the couple intends to stay involved. Jack will continue to take photos of the students working at internship sites.



Jack '53 and Marietta Schemmel

"We're still going to be volunteering for Wartburg West," Marietta said, "just not taking the leadership role in scheduling."

Renee Leonard '02, a Wartburg West student in 2001, will become the social activities coordinator. She has been working with the Schemmels this semester to learn how to organize and schedule student activities. Leonard works at Principal Financial in Colorado.

Leonard is one of more than 100 Wartburg West students who returned to work and live in Colorado.

Part of that is because of the connections they make through their internships and networking experiences.

"Internships are the heart of Wartburg West," Marietta said. "Our work is just the frosting on the cake."

Jack said the program challenges students. "It helps them validate their career choice or make a more specific choice of what they want to do after college."

Marietta added, "It gives students an opportunity to work in an urban environment."

Jack and Marietta have contributed to students' cultural experiences for the last 25 years. Jack, a 1953 Wartburg graduate, and Marietta, "an adopted alum," can't get enough of the Wartburg West program. They plan on keeping in touch with past students and making an effort to meet the new ones.

"We will try our best to get to know as many students as we can," Jack said. "We will still be taking them out to breakfast, lunch or dinner."

The Schemmels have some great memories of the various events, such as "high tea" at the Brown Palace Hotel, the oldest hotel west of the Mississippi River, which the couple finds very special.

"Students have called us their Denver parents and surrogate parents for years," Marietta said. "Once, a student introduced us as surrogate grandparents. That surprised me! I hadn't realized we'd been doing this for so many years."

Renee Leonard '02

Now that the couple will have more time on their hands, they plan to volunteer for their church, travel, enjoy more concerts, shows and movies, and possibly make more visits to Wartburg College.

The Schemmels are grateful for the opportunity to be involved with Wartburg West.

"We consider it a pleasure to have and to continue to spend time with the Wartburg West students," Marietta said.

"Amen," Jack added.

Bock said their leadership will be greatly missed.

"If they'd bleed, they'd bleed orange," Bock said.

Kristin Canning is a communication arts major from Lisbon.

The signs pointed toward Texan Harris coming to Wartburg

Now a chiropractor, Dr. Bolden Harris got on a bus to Waverly and didn't look back

by Saul Shapiro

Sometimes the signs guiding an individual can be akin to omnipresent billboards along life's highway.

That's been true for Dr. Bolden Harris '01, an Austin, Texas, chiropractor and member of the Wartburg College Alumni Board.

As a senior at Martin High School in Arlington, Harris dreamed of receiving a scholarship to play college football. Didn't happen. However, he had a 90 percent academic scholarship to the University of Arkansas.

Then the signs started to emerge.

"I also wrestled and was ranked number one in the region," Harris recalled. "Somebody saw me in a tournament and knew (Wartburg wrestling) Coach (Jim) Miller. They suggested that I look at Wartburg. I didn't know anything about Iowa, and it didn't interest me.

"A couple of weeks later, I was reading an article about how Randy Schneider, the recruiting coordinator for the football team at the time, who was from Arlington, had arranged a bus trip to bring football players up to Wartburg.

"I thought, 'If God keeps putting this school in front of me, I need to take a look at it."

So in the summer of 1997, Harris made the trek north and liked what he saw.

"I looked at the college and found that it had a great biology program. I wanted to be a pediatrician, so I thought that this would be a perfect fit," he said. "It was a small school. I had gone to a very large high school and had been lost in the shuffle. I could play football, and it offers a great education. So I decided to take the plunge."

The plunge came with a small academic scholarship – he had applied late – and a heavy dose of homesickness.

Dr. Bolden Harris '01

"After my first semester, I contemplated transferring some place closer to home," he said. "My dad said to stay for another semester and stick it out. I stayed and fell in love with the school. It really started to grow on me."

Harris was a four-year starter in the defensive secondary on football teams that went 35-6, including an unbeaten 10-0 regular season, Iowa Conference championship and NCAA playoff berth during his junior year. Harris was an all-conference selection during his senior season.

Rather than detracting from his studies, football was helpful, Harris said.

"There's the discipline of just playing the sport as well as learning discipline through your coaches," he said. "It keeps you focused, because your whole day is regimented."

Signs then directed him toward his career. An ankle injury had sidelined Harris during his junior year. Despite extensive rehabilitation efforts, it wasn't improving. He was worried about playing as a senior.

"I saw my chiropractor down in Texas. He's from Iowa and went to Palmer (College of Chiropractic), so we would always talk about football in Iowa," Harris recalled. "He adjusted my ankle – I had no idea that chiropractic worked with ankles – and instantly my ankle was 100 percent. I thought, 'This is so cool, why didn't anybody tell me about this?'

"So I got my physical with my family doctor, and I told him I was interested in becoming a chiropractor. He rolled his eyes and said, 'Here's a couple of people who will talk you out of it.' I was so offended because I knew how much it helped me, and I was determined to become a chiropractor."

Harris enrolled at Palmer, intent on becoming a sports chiropractor and working with both athletes and children. He graduated as the valedictorian of his class. He now works at Four Points Family Chiropractic in Austin.

Harris has embodied the Wartburg service ethic as the team doctor at the 2006 National Wrestling Coaches Association Tournament in Dallas, participating on three volunteer chiropractic trips to Brazil, Nicaragua and India, and as a delegate for Barack Obama at the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver.

"The volunteer chiropractic clinic usually is in a very impoverished part of the country," he said. "It just touches your heart, because these people don't have anything. Just to be able to help them is refreshing. It's pure service. You get a hug, and that's your payment."

His political involvement may be a sign of things to come for Harris. "It was a phenomenal experience, and I am aspiring to get involved in politics at some point," he said, "but I'm not really sure what I want to do yet. Who knows, maybe I will become a U.S. senator some day."

The Democratic convention wasn't the only event happening in Denver that August. "It was ironic that Wartburg was having an Outfly about the same time," Harris said. "So Wartburg came and picked me up, and I went out there for Outfly."

Eleven years earlier a Wartburg bus had picked him up in Arlington to start his journey toward a career and service – a trip he's glad he made.

"I was really excited to go to Wartburg. I was very happy with my experience. The education I got was top notch. I loved college. I wouldn't trade that experience for anything. I made so many great friends," he said.

Otte recognized for leadership in faith and social justice

by Emily Schmitt '11

Joanne Otte '98 has found a way to combine her religion and social work degrees into a satisfying career centered on service.

Joanne Otte '98

Otte, a diaconal minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, serves as program director for Lutheran Volunteer Corps.

"This position really connects with my vocation as a diaconal minister," she said. "It doesn't feel like just a job. It's something I feel I'm called to do on behalf of the church."

As a result of her years of service to her community, Otte received the Emerging Leader Award at the annual Chicago Seeds of Hope benefit dinner in February, hosted by Wheat Ridge Ministries and the Chicagoland Region of Thrivent Financial.

"It felt like an affirmation of the work of Lutheran Volunteer Corps," she said. "If they're giving me an award for my service, then it seems like they're honoring the work of the Lutheran Volunteer Corps."

Otte guides the overall programming of Lutheran Volunteer Corps, which places full-time volunteers with nonprofit organizations and ministries to work for peace and justice.

Among many duties, she plans the annual volunteer orientation and supports city coordinators, a position she held for five years prior to becoming the program director.

"I was well prepared for this position since I had been a city coordinator for so long," Otte said.

Otte cites her experience at Wartburg as transformational. "I think in some ways being at Wartburg really gave me a better understanding of being a Lutheran," she said. "It's the first place I felt called to be a diaconal minister. It certainly led me to where I am today."

Otte was involved with several organizations at Wartburg, including campus ministry groups such as Faith Alive. She helped with lock-ins and retreats for youth, led small group Bible studies and shared her faith during a senior chapel message.

After graduation, Otte became a full-time volunteer with Lutheran Volunteer Corps in St. Paul, Minn., where she did case management and overnight shifts at Lutheran Social Services Safe House, a homeless shelter for youth.

"It gave me one of my first real, upfront, in-person experiences with people who are homeless and people in urban poverty," she said.

Otte then spent two years at Luther Seminary and received a master's degree in religion. To meet seminary candidacy requirements, she completed 700 hours of field work at Chicago Uptown Ministry. She was consecrated as an ELCA diaconal minister in 2002.

Otte was hired as Lutheran Volunteer Corps' Chicago/Milwaukee coordinator where she supervised about 20 volunteers, placed volunteers in organizations, secured housing for them, initiated local fundraising and did outreach at area churches.

She enjoys her work with the organization because it allows her to use her faith to work for social justice.

"Lutheran Volunteer Corps really set me on the path that I am on now, and in a lot of ways helped me be the person I am today," she said.

BASKETBALL'S OLDEST ALUMNUS RETURNS

At age 99, Elmer Kretzchmar no longer plays basketball, but the 1936 Wartburg grad held a 75-year reunion with the 2010-11 Knights team during a campus visit last fall.

Others returned for the official reunion in February.

Kretzschmar was team captain in 1935-36, when Wartburg College reopened in Waverly. A native of Sumner, he enrolled at Wartburg in Waverly for his freshman year and spent his sophomore and junior years at Wartburg College in Clinton after the Waverly campus closed. He was a three-year basketball letterman and also played tennis.

Kretzschmar enlisted in the U.S. Air Force following graduation, served in the Korean War and remained on active duty until his retirement as a lieutenant colonel in 1968. He then pursued a career in education, teaching in public schools and serving as an assistant dean of the Evening College at Texas Christian University and as an academic administrator at Plattsburgh State University of New York.

He was inducted into the Wartburg Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004.

In December 2009, at age 97, Kretzschmar received a Master of Education degree from the University of North Texas. Some 35 years earlier, he had completed the required coursework but never finished his master's thesis due to family obligations and a move from the area. After his family provided the necessary papers and transcripts, the university waived the thesis requirement and awarded the degree based on Kretzschmar's lifetime contributions.

Elmer Kretzschmar '36 met the Wartburg basketball team, former coach Buzz Levick and head coach Dick Peth during last fall's Homecoming Weekend.

Bob Nielson

Nielson named DII coach of year

University of Minnesota Duluth athletic director and football coach Bob Nielson '82 was named 2010 Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year in NCAA Division II.

Nielson led the Bulldogs to a 15-0 record and their second undefeated season and NCAA Division II national title in three years.

Before moving to UMD, Nielson spent five years (1991-95) as head football coach and director of athletics at Wartburg. He led the Knights to back-to-back NCAA III playoff appearances (1993 and 1994) and an Iowa Conference crown in 1993, when he was named IIAC coach of the year. From 1981 to 1988, Nielson served as an assistant coach at Wartburg — six years as offensive line coach and two seasons as defensive coordinator.

1942
The Rev. **ALFRED WALCK**, Urbandale, celebrated his 65th ordination anniversary on Sept. 4 at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church.

1945
Dr. **HERBERT** and Olive **JONES**, Jesup, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 28.

1950
Dr. **GEORGE ROLEDER**, Upland, Calif., is writing a series of humorous stories on birding. His most recent work, *By George! The Birds Are Copying Us!*, takes its title from the "By George" column he wrote for the *Wartburg Trumpet* from 1948 to 1950.

1952
Dr. **HERB HILDEBRANDT**, Ann Arbor, Mich., was a contributor and consultant for a book in Chinese written by his former Ph.D. student, Jinyun Liu of the University of Michigan. *The Theory and Practice of Labor-Management Committees in China* was published in 2010 by Lawpress, Beijing.

1955
CARL VOLKMANN, Springfield, Ill., was honored in August by the Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) at the University of Illinois. The Carl Volkmann Scholarship Fund will support students pursuing public librarianship. Volkmann earned a master's degree at GSLIS in 1969 and spent the rest of his career at the Lincoln Library, a public library in Springfield. He was library director from 1981 until his retirement in 1993. He received the 2004 Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award from the Illinois Humanities Council, recognizing his 40 years of service as an educator, librarian and community volunteer.

1958
The Rev. **DAVID NELSON**, Waverly, has rejoined the Wartburg Development Office as a part-time development associate.

1965
The Rev. **ROBERT HOLDORF**, Waverly, joined the board of directors of the Wartburg Community Symphony Association.

JOYCE SNAVELY PINKE, Clear Lake, celebrated her 20th anniversary as owner and operator of Health Country, a health food store located in Willowbrook Mall, Mason City. Joyce and her husband, Vic '55, bought the store in November 1990.

1966
FRED HOLZRICHTER, Joliet, Ill., is semi-retired, working two to four days a month as development director for the American College of Surgeons, Chicago.

The Rev. **ROGER PREHN**, Orlando, Fla., is a semi-retired interim pastor.

1967
MARGARET BOICOURT HOLZRICHTER, Joliet, Ill., retired in June 2010 from teaching sixth grade social studies.

1968
EDWARD KRAMER, Urbandale, is the author of two recently published books. *Iowa Farm Boy* is his autobiographical account of growing up on a farm, attending a one-room country school, graduating from Strawberry Point High School and Wartburg College, fighting forest fires throughout the Western states, and serving in the military. *We Salute You* showcases the experiences of 18 World War II veterans from central Iowa.

1969
GARY NIELSEN, Schertz, Texas, is in his 40th year of teaching high school social studies.

1970
DARLENE MEISTER VOELTZ, Rochester, Minn., is a retired business/economics instructor with Rochester Community and Technical College. She was a 2004 Fulbright Scholar to Peru/Argentina and a 2008 Fulbright Scholar to Morocco.

1971
DAVID CHRISTIANSON, Davenport, retired after a 38-year career with Deere & Company, most recently as marketing manager.

1972
JOHN BURKE, Glendale, Ariz., will be inducted into the Colorado High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame on March 26, 2011.

Capt. **DAN GRINSTEAD**, Iowa City, is the oldest Iowa National Guard soldier currently deployed in Afghanistan. He joined the National Guard at age 57 out of his concern for the mental health needs of soldiers. A psychiatric social worker at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Grinstead is with the 34th Infantry Division stationed near Kabul, teaching soldiers how to survive the stress of war. He was featured in a *Des Moines Register* staff blog by Reid Forgrave posted on Aug. 31 and *NBC Nightly News*.

1973
BILL NELSON, Denver, Colo., was recognized in October as a Denver Broncos high school coach of the week. Nelson has coached the Skyview High School Wolverines football team in Thornton, Colo., since 2006. He is also assistant principal at York International School and athletic director at Skyview. Nelson's program received $1,000 from the NFL Youth Football Fund, and he was in contention for the Broncos Coach of the Year award, announced Jan. 2.

1974
CHERYL SPRUNG PEARSON, Osage, retired in June after 25 years as an elementary teacher in the Riceville Community School District, Riceville.

GARY STUMBERG, Brooklyn, is director of administrative services with Keystone Area Education Agency, Elkader.

THOMAS WINTERINK, Charles City, created and designed The Red Cedar Lodge. Comprised of three luxury cabins on 30 acres along the Cedar River, the lodge opened Sept. 1, 2009.

1976
JANE BLAZEK is principal/director of Future Bilingual School, a school for girls in grades Pre-K through 9 located in Fahaheel, Kuwait, a suburb of Kuwait City. The school is in its fifth year of operation, offers an American curriculum and is working to achieve accreditation within U.S. standards. Jane has spent the past nine of her 28 years in education as an overseas educator.

BARBARA SIECK EHLERS, Stanley, joined the full-time faculty at Upper Iowa University, Fayette, as an assistant professor of education.

MEREDITH KEELAN, Van Vleck, Texas, was named chair of the high school science department in the Van Vleck Independent School District. She is also chief of the Van Vleck Volunteer Fire Department.

DALE MacNAUGHTON, Kingwood, Texas, is a regional manager, Southeast Texas, with AmerAssist A/R Solutions, Inc.

1977
KRISTI KUTZ SCHRAD, Webster City, retired June 24 from the Iowa Department of Human Services.

1979
JEFF SELLEN, Gunnison, Colo., is an assistant professor in the environmental studies program at Western State College. He also directs the Colorado Water Workshop.

1981
ROBYN CLARK-BRIDGES, Cedar Rapids, represented the EWALU Board of Directors at the 2010 National Outdoor Ministry Conference in Newark, N.J., during the first week of November.

The Rev. **MARK HOLMES** is pastor at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, Perry, after previously serving St. Peter Lutheran Church in Grimes for 12 years.

ANNORA KOSTER McDOUGALL, Cedar Rapids, is a Reiki Master Teacher. She received her basic training in Animal Reiki and is now training with Sound Healers Association on ways of using Himalayan singing bowls to complement Reiki.

KIMBERLY BENDER SCHWARTZ, Galena, Ill., contributed a chapter, "Red Cross Crisis Communication in the Wake of September 11, 2001," to *The Sage Handbook of Public Relations*, edited by

Dr. Robert Heath and published in 2010 by Sage Communications. The chapter was based on her 2002 University of Dubuque Master of Arts thesis.

1983

FRANK GIBBARD, Thornton, Colo., is the author of *Steam, Steel and Statutes: True Tales from Colorado Legal History*, published by CLE in Colorado, Inc.

GREG SCHMITZ, New Hartford, is president of VGM Education, part of the VGM Group, Waterloo.

1984

BECKY EBERT-HOLT, Monona, received her Master of Education in Administrative Leadership degree from Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Ariz.

1985

TRACY CRUMPTON, Cedar Rapids, is a shipping/receiving clerk with ESP International, Inc.

PERRY GEISTLER, Manchester, Mo., won the shot put and finished second in the discus throw for his age group at the July 2010 Missouri Show Me Games. He threw the discus 114 feet and the shot 34 feet.

KARI HILPERT, Lebanon, Tenn., will be releasing a new CD recorded in Nashville. Her performance schedule, including a planned tour and appearances at the Bluebird Café in Nashville, will be posted on her website, www.karihilpert.com.

MICHELLE SANDEN JOHLAS, Ogden, Ill., received two Friends of Education awards in the spring of 2010. The St. Joseph Ogden School District Board of Education and the SJO teachers' union recognized her volunteer efforts for the school's fine arts programs and her help with the Scholastic Bowl team.

1987

CONSTANCE CHARLESTON, Bound Brook, N.J., was appointed as a contract administrator with the New Jersey Department of Children and Families.

PAMELA MATHESIUS MATSUMOTO, Tokyo, Japan, teaches at the K-12 Christian Academy in Japan (CAJ).

1988

DAUDI KALISSA KAIHULA, Los Osos, Calif., is president of the Los Osos Rotary Club. He traveled to Rwanda, Uganda and Burundi in the fall of 2010 to supervise well-drilling projects.

1989

DAN GARRETT, Des Moines, completed his Master of Public Administration degree at Drake University in May 2010.

1990

Dr. **MARK COMNICK**, Novato, Calif., is a flight surgeon/director of operational medicine with the United States Coast Guard.

1991

CHRIS BOERM, Forsyth, Ill., was named adviser, Office of the Chairman, with Archer Daniels Midland Company, Decatur.

1992

Capt. **JOHN HINTZ**, West Des Moines, is deployed to Afghanistan as a company commander with the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division of Ft. Campbell, Ky. He was interviewed on a Sept. 26 segment of CBS News' *60 Minutes*.

PETER KAREBA, Fort Madison, Texas, is a software engineer for Sprint.

The Rev. **BRIAN KING**, Cedar Falls, is senior pastor at Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church.

JENNIFER LOHMANN KING, Cedar Falls, is a marketing and communications specialist in the special education department at the University of Northern Iowa.

BRENT MATTHIAS, Waverly, is the economic development director for the City of Waverly.

JOHN and Stephanie **MOHAN**, Waverly, announce the birth of Aidan Matthew, Aug. 6. He joins Andrew, 4.

KEVIN and Erin **SKARTVEDT**, Indianapolis, Ind., announce the birth of Hope Charlotte, April 14, 2010. She joins Luke, 5, and Maya, 2½. Kevin is in sales with Pepsi Beverages Co.

Dr. **AARON TRACHTE**, Lawton, Okla., was named a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is the head cardiothoracic and vascular surgeon for Memorial Medical Group.

1993

RENEE BENZEL BERNHARD, Commerce City, Colo., was featured in a Dec. 16 *Wall Street Journal* article, "Turning Family Scrapbooks Over to the Pros." She owns Generation Scrap, LLC.

Jeff and **DEBORAH DUNKLEE CHESHIRE**, Bryan, Texas, announce the birth of Elizabeth Grace, Feb. 22, 2010. She joins Evan, 3.

JAY KELLEY, Elma, was named regional manager and care coordinator for Always Best Care of the Cedar Valley, Cedar Falls. The company provides non-medical in-home care for seniors and placement services for seniors into assisted and independent living communities.

MEG NESBITT LORENZ, Winston Salem, N.C., is a practicing Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, working with children at Caring Hands Pediatric Therapy.

1994

DEAN and **SARA ECKENROD '01 KOESTER**, Sumner, announce the birth of Claire Ann, July 5. She joins Emma, 5, and Aiden, 3.

1995

STEPHANIE THOMPSON MORRIS is the administrator of Rotary Ann Homes, Inc., Eagle Grove.

CHRISTOPHER WARMANEN, Chicago, Ill., was promoted to senior vice president with Leo Burnett Worldwide, Inc.

1996

BOB DUDOLSKI, Canton, Mo., was promoted to assistant dean of student life at Culver-Stockton College.

ERIC FOOTE, Chicago, Ill., was promoted to senior director, business development, at CBS Sports.

JIM McDONOUGH, Monticello, was featured in a Dec. 5 *Quad-City Times* article, also published in the *Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier*, about his career as a professional pianist, his Monticello-based music business and his holiday concerts in Iowa.

AMELIA HOLDEN-McMURRAY, Fayette, is interim director of grants in the Wartburg College Development Office.

1996

ANGELA SENNER BALK, Waucoma, was featured in a November article in the *Calmar Courier* highlighting her dance studio, Anne's Dancers. In addition to working as a special needs teacher in the Turkey Valley schools, the former Wartburg Dance Team captain currently has 70 dance students, who range from preschoolers to high school seniors. They perform for sports events, at nursing homes and area events and in an annual spring show at the Turkey Valley High School gymnasium.

CASEY SADLER and Joel Larsen, Highland, N.Y., were married Oct. 10. Casey is a computer software trainer for Ulster County Boces, training teachers and school district administrators on educational computer software.

1997

TIFFANIE HOLMES HARRIS, Thomasville, Ga., accepted a master's level therapist position at SBZ Services Unlimited, Cairo.

KIM JASS and Abel Ramirez, Geneva, Ill., were married Oct. 23.

JAY KAMMERER, Ft. Dodge, is a transit manager with MIDAS Council of Governments.

Shannon and **CINDY GEERTS RIECK**, Ladora, announce the birth of Amelia Joanna, Sept. 18. She joins Ava, 1½.

TIMOTHY TURNBULL, Indianola, completed an M.B.A. degree, with an emphasis in marketing, in August 2009 from Keller Graduate School of Management, Chicago, Ill. He is site director for Buena Vista University on

Fryar heads top 50 list

Matt Fryar '91, of Wells Fargo Investments, Des Moines, was No. 1 in Bank Investment Consultant's annual Top 50 Bank Reps survey in its December 2010 issue.

The ratings honor the industry's best bank-based financial advisers based on a production-to-branch deposits ratio.

Gibson gives back, credits Wartburg for preparing him to be an orthodontist

by Emily Schmitt '11

Growing up on a farm in northwest Iowa, Scott Gibson '97 never dreamed he would attend a school like Wartburg.

Instead, he thought he was bound for Iowa State University or another state school.

That was until a family friend convinced him to visit Wartburg, which he had ruled out as not being financially feasible.

But scholarships and grants made Wartburg not only a possibility, but his destination.

"I feel pretty darn lucky to have gone to that nice of a school," he said. "I think I more than got my money out of it."

Gibson, now an orthodontist in Sioux Falls, S.D., is an advocate of a Wartburg education.

"As an orthodontist, I'm always talking to kids about their future, and what their goals are," he said.

And he has gone a step further in showing his appreciation for his Wartburg education by establishing a scholarship for students from South Dakota to attend the college.

"All the staff at Wartburg are really top-notch. From the president down to the security folks and the cleaning folks, everybody at Wartburg was always so nice," he said. "Everybody just really showed a lot of interest and care in each others' lives."

Gibson came to Wartburg with his sights on dental school. He said biology professor Dr. Ann Henninger was one of those "top-notch professors" who helped him prepare for his career, but recalls that all of his professors were willing to help him.

"There are numerous professors I called at home a couple times a week if I didn't understand something. I don't think you find that at many schools," he said.

Gibson took a May Term trip to Guyana one year led by biology professor Dr. Roy Ventullo. It was his first trip of consequence traveling outside the Midwest, let alone the country.

Dr. Scott Gibson '97

"It was an eye-opening experience -- certainly different from the cornfields of Iowa," he said. "It was educational, but it was also a great time with friends."

The group helped Amerindians rebuild a bridge, hiked the rainforest and even fished for piranhas.

Gibson lauds the liberal arts education he received.

"I loved all of my classes at Wartburg," he said. "It was such a great diversity of subjects, especially when you go on to graduate school, and you're focused solely on your profession. It's nice to have that time to explore other aspects of education."

Gibson studied dentistry at the University of Iowa.

"I think I had an excellent academic background for dental school, and I think my classmates from Wartburg all did very well," he said.

Gibson received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree and went to the University of Nebraska for orthodontic specialty training.

After school, he moved to Sioux Falls to practice and become a partner at Parkway Orthodontics, where he currently works.

the Marshalltown Community College campus, Marshalltown.

1998

JAIME BLEESS, Fairmont, Minn., was one of two individuals involved in the Aug. 5 rescue of two 14-year old girls who were near drowning in a local lake after their canoe tipped. He is a police officer with the Fairmont Police Department.

CASEY CHRISTENSEN, Truro, is a Pre-K-Grade 8 principal with the Interstate 35 Community School District.

RICHARD KLOSTER and Maegan Roy, Grimes, were married Aug. 8, 2009.

DAVE and Karla **MAX**, Goldsboro, N.C., announce the birth of John Wesley, Aug. 28. Dave is an F-15E pilot in the U.S. Air Force and was recently promoted to major.

RAY MILLARD and **ANGELA THORNTON-MILLARD**, Lenexa, Kan., announce the birth of Wesley Carter, Feb. 5, 2010. He joins Charlotte, 2.

JULIE LICKFELT PAVLINI, Bolingbrook, Ill., is assistant principal for curriculum and instruction at Oswego High School, Oswego.

TASHI SHIIMI-YA-SHIIMI, Minneapolis, Minn., is managing director of the Tate Group, L.L.C. He represented the company at the recent signing of an agreement that will make Microsoft courses available through the Polytechnic of Namibia Centre for Entrepreneurial Development. The Tate Group collaborated with Microsoft to facilitate the agreement.

SHANE STOCKS, Kirksville, Mo., is in his second year as head varsity boys' basketball coach at Novinger High School, Novinger.

1999

BRIAN and **JILL BENSON '00 EASTMAN**, Grand Prairie, Texas, announce the birth of Cole Michael, Jan. 22, 2010. He joins Avery, 4.

LISA HASSENSTAB and Ryan Underwood, Madison, Wis., were married Sept. 27, 2008. Lisa is vice president of advocacy for Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

CHRISTEL KUBE JENSEN, Woodbury, Minn., is a search coordinator with the National Marrow Donor Program, Minneapolis.

VIRGINIA LEBEAU KLEIN, Clear Lake, is a software engineer with TeamQuest Corp.

DAN and Sara **LAHEY**, Johnston, announce the birth of Jacob Dennis, June 5.

JOSH and Jennifer **NUNEZ**, Cedar Falls, announce the birth of Victor Manuel, Oct. 7. He joins Viviane, 4, and Valentina, 2½.

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ROSS and **KRISTIN LEBECK '00 POLKING**, Waukee, announce the birth of Kaitlyn, June 29. She joins Caleb, 6, and Jenna, 3.

Rob Taylor and **LISA RATHJE**, Harrisburg, Pa., announce the birth of William (Liam) Paul Taylor, May 10, 2010.

Aaron and **MEGAN CARICO SELLE**, Lockport, Ill., announce the birth of Andrew Joseph, May 25, 2010. He joins Jack, 2.

LYNNE PETEFISH WILKENS, Dunkerton, is the school nurse in the Dunkerton Community Schools.

2000

Brandon and **MOLLY O'MEARA CLUBB**, Traer, announce the birth of Cooper James, Oct. 1. He joins Calia, 6, and Brody, 4.

BRETT and **NICOLE YOUNG '01 EIDAHL**, Appleton, Wis., announce the birth of Norah Grace, Sept. 16. She joins Blake, 3.

JOSH GREUBEL, DeWitt, received his Master of Music degree on July 31 from VanderCook College of Music, Chicago, Ill. He is the director of high school bands at Central Community High School. His high school band (Marching Sabers Pride) marched in the 2010 Orange Bowl parade and performed during halftime of the Orange Bowl game.

JASON GRUNKLEE and **BARBARA STEVENS '01**, Brooklyn, were married June 12.

Matthew and **HEATHER KOZAK JOHNSON**, Waverly, announce the birth of Rylan Michael, Sept. 30. He joins Nolan, 1½.

The Rev. **JAMES** and **KIRA HARTMAN '03 JUDSON**, Bottineau, N.D., announce the adoption of David, 4.

Bill and **LAURA KRESSER MARTH**, Colorado Springs, Colo., announce the birth of Liam LeRoy, May 4, 2010. He joins Malia, 3.

JOEL and Lisa **REICHERT**, Gilbert, Ariz., announce the birth of Samuel Reed, Nov. 14. He joins Benjamin, 3.

KATE SUNDQUIST and Colin Atkins, Madison, Wis., were married Oct. 9.

Shai Wise and **VICTORIA VANZILE**, St. Paul, Minn., announce the adoption of Ian Melkamu Eilu VanZile Wise in July 2010. Ian was born March 24, 2009, in the Sidama region of Ethiopia. He joins Claire, 2. Their family blog is http://VZWkids.blogspot.com.

2001

Bryan and **STEPHANIE WALLUKS ADAMS**, Monticello, Wis., announce the birth of Jason Benjamin, March 1, 2010. He joins Henry, 5.

Andrew and **TRACIA SCHAU ANDERSEN**, Delmar, announce the birth of twins, Addison Lynae and Alexander Dylan, on Sept. 22. They join Brady, 3½.

DAWN BRANDAU and Clint Harrell, Murfreesboro, Tenn., were married Aug. 21.

Brad and **JENNIFER HORSTMANN CAVANAGH**, Dubuque, announce the birth of Andrew Michael, Oct. 19. He joins Sam, 2.

SARAH FOSTER, Cedar Falls, opened a locally owned and operated mattress store in Waterloo.

AMY GERARD and Leo Buzalsky, North Liberty, were married Oct. 9.

BRANT GILKISON and Karin Soby, Sacramento, Calif., were married May 8, 2010.

Brian and **VANESSA LEVENHAGEN LEAVITT**, Bettendorf, announce the birth of Luke Thomas, Aug. 20. He joins Noah, 3.

BEN LeCLAIR, Chicago, Ill., was among 38 young artists selected to participate in the Santa Fe Opera's prestigious apprentice singer program during the summer of 2010.

The Rev. **SALLY MITCHELL** and Jeff Williams, Sauk City, Wis., were married July 16. Sally is an ELCA pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church, Prairie du Sac.

Tyson and **JANELLE YOUNG MORIO**, Hiawatha, announce the birth of Jack Richard, Oct. 28. He joins Luke, 1½.

PATRICK and **COREY ARNDT '03 MORRISON**, Urbandale, announce the birth of Luke William, July 2. He joins Logan, 2.

Troy and Dr. **HALEY PLAUTZ OWEN**, Milwaukee, Wis., announce the birth of Ruby Kandice, July 17. She joins Ivy, 3. Haley is an anesthesiologist with Aurora Health Care.

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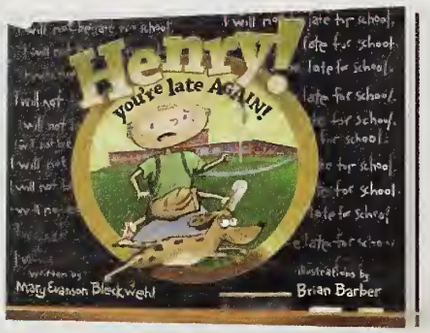


Evanson-Bleckwehl provides lessons for young children

by Sarah Boraas '14

Mary Evanson-Bleckwehl '77 has written *Henry! You're Late AGAIN!* with lessons for young children.

"Henry" is a 6-year-old boy who can never get to school on time because of various obstacles. His biggest nightmare is the school secretary whom he must face every time he's late and imagines as the big, bad wolf.

The book has fun illustrations by Brian Barber.

Evanson-Bleckwehl applied years of teaching experiences to help connect her story to children. She earned her B.A degree in elementary education at Wartburg and a master's degree in education management from Lesley University. She has taught elementary school in Iowa and Minnesota and has held administrative positions in higher education in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Iowa and Minnesota.

Her passion to write a book dates back to her years at Wartburg.

"The first time I ever had the notion that I wanted to write a book was the day that Marion Gremmels, my Wartburg instructor for Children's Literature, brought the book she had written to class," Evanson-Bleckwehl said. "It made me think I want to do that someday. To produce something from your imagination and turn it out for all the world to see and for children, young and old, to read and re-read, that was something lasting."

For more information about the book, go online at MaryBleckwehl.com.

Sarah Boraas is a pre-law major from Sherrard, Ill.

SARAH CHRISTOPHERSON PARSONS, Cedar Falls, was selected for the *Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier's* Class of 2010 20 Under 40 Award. The award honors outstanding young people in the Cedar Valley who are making a difference through their work and personal lives. Sarah is director of marketing and research at Cedar Valley United Way, Waterloo.

MATTHEW and **JESSICA KRUGER THEDE**, Ely, announce the birth of Timothy Jace, Aug. 31.

2002

Matt and **KIM NEYMEYER BURLAGE**, Cedar Falls, announce the birth of Lucy Annabeth, Sept. 25. She joins Owen, 3.

Chris and **EMILY TWEDT DECKER**, Englewood, Colo., announce the birth of Eli, Oct. 25, 2009.

JERMAINE JOHNSON, Baltimore, Md., was named director of legislative affairs for the 14th District of the Baltimore City Council under the leadership of Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke in November.

RANDY and Megan **SCHUMACHER**, Altoona, announce the birth of Cathryn Ann, Sept. 21. She joins Alexander, 4, and Daniel, 2.

Joshua and **CARY SCHROEDER SOLHEIM**, Cedar Rapids, announce the birth of Mason Adam, Sept. 7. He joins Connor, 5.

MATTHEW TRETTIN, Des Moines, was admitted as a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries. He works for Aviva USA, West Des Moines.

Darren and **JULIE DENNER WESTENDORF**, Shell Rock, announce the birth of Kambree Julie Anna, Aug. 27. She joins Braxten, 4½, Maddox, 2, and Cayson, 2.

CHAD and **SARA COSE WINTERS**, Lansing, announce the birth of Conner Allen, Aug. 11. He joins Addison, 2.

2003

CRYSTAL HEINS BUZZA, Waterloo, is director of strategic partnerships with the Waterloo Community Schools.

NATHAN and **TARA PENNA EBERLINE**, Shawnee, Kan., announce the birth of Lydia Sue, Sept. 10.

HEATHER HEITMAN and Steve Alford, Albert Lea, Minn., were married July 17.

Kevin and **LAURA HADEN HEJTMANEK**, Des Moines, announce the birth of Kelsie Michelle, Dec. 27, 2008.

Bryan and **EMILY OLIVER HUGHES**, Norwalk, announce the birth of Daxton Oliver, Oct. 17, 2009.

Austin and **STEPHANIE McCLURE MEYERS**, Hubbard, announce the birth of twins, Nathaniel Ean and Samuel Edward, Aug. 16. They join Hallie, 4, and Janae, 2.

JASON and **JESSICA McANINCH MORTVEDT**, Waterloo, announce the birth of Janae Marie, Oct. 15. She joins Julia, 3.

ANGELA NEPTUN and Dustin Hudelson, Washington, Ill., were married July 24.

PEGGY FICKER RETKA, St. Joseph, Minn., was promoted to director of education abroad at the College of Saint Benedict Saint John's University, St. Joseph and Collegeville.

Dr. **MELISSA BOEVERS SIMON**, Prairie du Chien, Wis., is a family physician with Gundersen Lutheran.

Kyle and **ANGIE PRIER THEISEN**, Epworth, announce the birth of Aiden John, July 30. He joins Kaden, 2.

GREG TORGERSON, Independence, completed the Iowa School of Banking. He is an assistant vice president of accounting with Banklowa.

TARA NORBERG YOUNG, Dallas, Wis., is a retail sales manager at Mosaic Telecom, Cameron. The Young family farm and herd of purebred registered Jersey cattle was selected by the Barron County Dairy Promoters to host the 2011 Dairy Breakfast, an annual event in June that draws over 3,000 people.

2004

Mitch and **KIRA JOHNSON ANDERSON**, Faribault, Minn., announce the birth of Owen Mitchell, April 26, 2010. He joins Claire, 2. Kira is director of children's ministry with Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

JULIA BAKER and Jacob Hanson, Denver, Colo., were married Aug. 7.

Ed and **NICOLE SCHMIDT COX**, Republic, Mo., announce the birth of Finley Anne, July 16.

KELLY DOTSON and Jim Matthias, Brooklyn Center, Minn., were married May 22, 2010.

TIM and **CARRIE CORPSTEIN '06 GEARHART**, Oelwein, announce the birth of Emma Ann, March 27, 2010. She joins Grace, 2.

ZAC HENRICH and Kelly Trask, North Liberty, were married Oct. 9.

ELIZABETH LUETT HOVER, Altoona, achieved FSA (Fellowship in the Society of Actuaries) designation in September 2010.

MARCUS KNECHT, St. Louis, Mo., is in the Pre-theology I program at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.

JACOB KOHLHAAS, Pittsburgh, Pa., is pursuing his Ph.D. in systematic theology at Duquesne University.

STEVE and Jennifer **NUS**, Waverly, announce the birth of Logan Robert, Aug. 25.

Bob and **STACEY WEBB RIPCHINSKI**, Mitchellville, announce the birth of Madlyn, Oct. 18, 2009.

JULIE SCHULTZ and Clayton Naillon, Colorado Springs, Colo., were married Jan. 15, 2010.

HEATHER SCHUTTE and Steve Fred, Waterloo, were married Sept. 4.

AMY SERFLATEN and Brent Wagner, Lincoln, Neb., were married Aug. 14.

CHRISTINE EIGE, Marshalltown, is serving a second three-year term with ELCA Global Mission in Japan. She spent three years there following graduation, then returned to teach in the United States until accepting her current assignment.

BRENT and **APRIL CHERRY SHOWALTER**, Indianapolis, Ind., announce the birth of Kasen David, June 3. He joins Cade, 2.

ERIN SUTER and Jacob Thorius, Washington, were married Sept. 18.

2005

SARAH LEARN BRINCKS and **JUSTIN BRINCKS '06**, Manilla, announce the birth of Isaac Howard, May 26, 2010.

BEAU BUCHHOLZ, Waverly, is an associate attorney with Engelbrecht Law Office.

ELIZABETH CARR and Derek Wild, Cedar Falls, were married July 24.

EMILY CRAWFORD and **RANDON RUGGLES '09**, Burnsville, Minn., were married Oct. 16 in the Wartburg Chapel.

ERIN NORTHUP DRAHOTA and **ANDREW DRAHOTA '06**, Washington, announce the birth of Lauren Cady, Aug. 9.

DEANNA HARTMAN, Kansas City, Mo., works in international marketing with Annan Marketing, Overland Park, Kan.

Nick and **LAURA MRACEK HEIMS**, Pella, announce the birth of Sydni Lynn, July 9.

JOSH HURTADO and Alisa Crowl, Huxley, were married May 15, 2010.

ALEXANDER KANACK and Danielle Myers were married May 22, 2010.

TYLER and **LISA JEBSEN KETELSEN**, Mason City, announce the birth of Cooper Ray, Nov. 9, 2009.

BENJAMIN and **ANGELA ALTHOFF KRUEGER**, Aurora, Ill., announce the birth of Gabriel Bennett, April 10, 2010. He joins Caleb, 4, and Elliott, 2.

STEPHANIE LARSEN and Justin Parsley, Elkridge, Md., were married June 5.

The Rev. **CHRISTOPHER LAUGHLIN**, Bridgeport, Mich., was ordained in the Wartburg Chapel on June 24 by Bishop John David Schleiecher of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod. He accepted a call and is serving Hope Lutheran Church, Marlette. Christopher was also accessioned as a chaplain in the United States Army Reserve and is assigned to the 108th Chaplain Detachment, Southfield.

The Rev. **ELIZABETH BURNS LEE**, Waupun, Wis., was ordained Sept. 26 with Bishop Bruce Burnside officiating and Bishop Jim Justman preaching. Elizabeth is pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Joey and **JENNA KINTZLE LUECK**, Sherrill, announce the birth of twins, Kierra Lynn and Clayton James, Sept. 6.

Brian and **MISTY ONKEN PROSSER**, Fredericksburg, announce the birth of Natalie Dawn, June 3.

MATTHEW PUTZ, Hoover, Minn., is assistant general manager of the Holiday Inn and Super 8, Fairmont.

KARI TINDALL, Urbandale, is marketing and partners manager for Downtown Community Alliance, Des Moines.

CHRIS and **ERIN MEYER TRIPOLINO**, Cedar Falls, announce the birth of Avdon Christopher, Aug. 20. He joins Shiloh, 2.

2006

KIRK ARTIST, Clear Lake, is the head men's soccer coach at Wartburg College.

AIMEE BIGGS and Eric Sagan, Woodland Park, Colo., were married Sept. 19, 2009.

TOM BREKHUS, Dallas, Texas, is production coordinator with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra.

ANDREW EBERLINE, Muncie, Ind., completed his master's degree in physical education: Teaching with Technology at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls. He is a physical education technology coordinator with Ball State University.

JOEL FORMANEK and Lindsay Beran, Lenexa, Kan., were married Aug. 7.

ALAINA GOOS and Michael Uribe, Woodridge, Ill., announce the birth of Brett Michael Uribe, Nov. 25.

KIMBERLY MACKEY GRAVEN, Boone, is principal at Sacred Heart School.

JILL HACKMAN, West Des Moines, teaches at Des Moines Area Community College and remains employed with Nationwide Insurance.

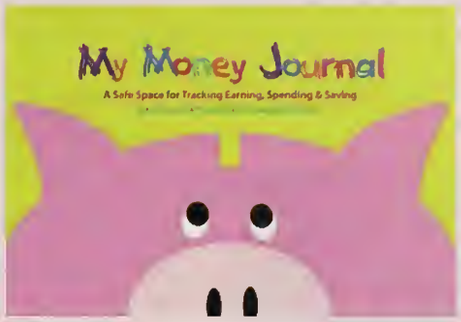
MATT HOODJER and **MEGAN BENNING '08**, Waverly, were married Aug. 14.

LISA JESTRAB and Jordan Collins, Webster City, were married July 31.

MELISSA JOHNSON is a part-time guidance counselor in the Riceville Community School District, Riceville.

JOSH KARSJENS and **ALYCIA HENEKE '08**, North Liberty, were married Oct. 9.

MATTHEW LAMOS and Adrienne Solo, Las Vegas, Nev., were married July 3.



Kids and cash: Wartburg alumna publishes book

by Hannah Cox '11

Karris Golden '98 has written a children's book, *My Money Journal: A Safe Place for Tracking Earning, Spending and Saving*, with advice for the pre-kindergarten to third-grade set.

It is an interactive tool with pages to fill in information along with drawings, while teaching youngsters how to manage their money.

Golden, who runs Wasendorf & Associates, a Cedar Falls-based international company that produces financial trading and investing resources, found an unmet need to educate children about money.

While talking with customers at trade shows, Golden said she was often asked for a book to help teach children to understand the importance of finances. Golden couldn't find such a book, so she wrote one.

She said children receive money literally from birth in forms of gifts and savings bonds.

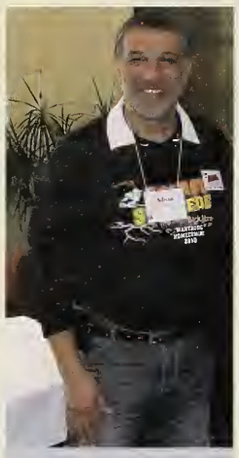
"Kids have money," said Golden. "They need guidance as to what to do with it."

The book, which was published in November, is the first in a series.

The book is available at KarrisGolden.com or on Amazon.com.

Golden received a B.A. degree in communication arts from Wartburg with an emphasis in print and electronic media. She has a master's degree in English from the University of Northern Iowa.

Kuwaiti alumnus is making a difference


Dr. Adnan Abu Al-Shatti

Dr. Adnan Abu Al-Shatti has distinguished himself as a man of the world.

A practicing psychologist and professor of psychology at Kuwait University, Al-Shatti attended Wartburg from 1972-74 before earning his bachelor's degree in health rehabilitation and his master's degree in psychology rehabilitation at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

He taught at the University of California at Los Angeles, wrote five books on psychology and family issues, and – at the behest of the Kuwaiti government and with approval from U.S. officials – worked on two occasions to evaluate some of the Kuwaiti detainees at Guantanamo Bay.

In Kuwait, he studied the lingering effects of Iraqi aggression on Kuwaitis following its "annexation" by Saddam Hussein in 1990 and subsequent de-annexation by U.S.-led allied forces during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Al-Shatti also has issued findings that 35 percent of Kuwaiti women have been subjected to domestic violence, largely due to local patriarchal traditions.

Al-Shatti returned to campus for Homecoming 2010. He spoke to classes about psychology, Islam and Christianity, and similarities between Americans and Arabs.

Al-Shatti praised his Wartburg education as "really fantastic. A lot of people really want to help you here. In medicine, you often have to look for people to help you, but at Wartburg they were very willing to do so."

EMILY KLEISS and **LUCAS LENHART '07**, West Des Moines, were married April 17, 2009. Emily is an assistant manager at the Jordan Creek Wal-Mart. Lucas is in the physician assistant program with Des Moines University and will graduate in May 2011.

LEAN MUHLE and Will Schupp, Madison, Wis., were married June 5.

JESSICA NYSTEL, Remsen, teaches high school English and journalism in the Remsen-Union School District.

BECCA ROBINSON, New York, N.Y., is an associate director of annual fund programs with Columbia University.

MICHAEL and Lindsey **SCHMITZ**, West Des Moines, announce the birth of Graham Gregory, Aug. 15.

ALEK WIPPERMAN, Springfield, Ore., is a law student at the University of Oregon, Eugene.

RACHEL ZACCARO and Jonathan Heiar, Dubuque, were married July 24. Rachel is an editorial coordinator for life sciences with McGraw-Hill Higher Education.

2007

DAVID BRANDON and Lindsey Hemann, North Liberty, were married July 24. David earned a master's degree in special education from Morningside College, Sioux City.

CHRIS CARLSON and **JODIE PEARSON**, Cedar Rapids, were married Sept. 4.

ADAM and **MICHELLE KNUDSEN CRANNELL**, Lakewood, Colo., announce the birth of Lukas William Steven, Aug. 6.

JONATHON GREGG, Oskaloosa, was nominated for a regional Emmy Award by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. He was recognized for his work at the Communication Research Institute, a nonprofit television station in Oskaloosa, where he is a senior producer and executive producer of the "CRI Weekly News." Emmy Night for the Upper Midwest Chapter was Sept. 25 in Minneapolis, Minn.

CHELSIE HEETLAND, Waukee, received her Registered Nurse degree in August from Mercy College of Health Sciences. She is a registered nurse in the NICU (neonatal ICU) at Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines.

JENI HILL, Bloomington, Minn., is pursuing a master's degree in psychology and counseling at St. Mary's University, Minneapolis. She also is apprenticing with a registered herbalist with the long-term goal of becoming a registered herbalist.

BRETT LEGVOLD and **KATIE COOPER '08**, Wichita, Kan., were married Aug. 14.

Kyle and **SARAH ORVIS RENN**, Waverly, announce the birth of Abel Greyson, Nov. 12. He joins Jack, 5.

LAUREN SEMLER-BALEK and **MATTHEW NOLTE '08**, Cedar Falls, were married Oct. 2.

JOSH SMITH and **JILL BONSALL '08**, North Liberty, were married July 25, 2009. Josh is a high school social studies teacher and coach in the HLV Community Schools, Victor. Jill is a graduate student at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy, Iowa City.

LAUREN VINCENT and Mark Wood, Lake Saint Louis, Mo., were married Aug. 7.

LYNNEA WALKER and Tom Morse, Nanjing, China, were married Aug. 14 in the Wartburg Chapel.

JOSH and **JESSICA SCHULTZ WALLER**, Muscatine, announce the birth of Jerrod Joshua, Feb. 23, 2010.

RYAN WHITMAN, Mount Vernon, is a high school resource teacher and coach in the Mount Vernon Community School District.

2008

KURT BAKULA and **WHITNEY FREE**, West Des Moines, were married Sept. 18. Kurt is a banker with U.S. Bank. Whitney is an admissions and communications assistant at the Des Moines Art Center and co-owns Green Ladder Creative, a freelance public relations agency.

KENDRA CHRISTENSEN and **JACOB OSWALD '10**, Waverly, were married Sept. 18.

KATELIN GANNON, Pella, is an assistant women's soccer coach and visiting instructor of exercise science at Central College.

HEIDI GAULKE, Minneapolis, Minn., is a career services adviser with Rasmussen College, Brooklyn Park.

LUKE GIBBS, Minneapolis, Minn., is an account executive with Periscope, an advertising agency.

ELIZABETH MURPHY HANCOCK, Waverly, is a district manager with Primerica.

THOMAS HOWE and Diedre Tietz, Eldora, were married July 10.

JULIE BROCKA HUNT, Waverly, is a financial associate with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

SARAH NOLTE and Greg Stammeyer, Waterloo, were married May 22, 2010.

JOSH PRIEBE and Danielle Cleasby, Sumner, were married Aug. 28.

ASHLEY RICHARDS, Durham, N.C., received her master's degree in survey research and methodology in 2010 from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She is a survey methodologist with RTI International, Research Triangle Park.

NATALIE RICHARDSON and David LaRocque, Normal, Ill., were married Oct. 2.

ASHLEY STEINES and **JASON LANSING '09**, DeWitt, were married Oct. 9.

KATIE STEVENSON, Cedar Falls, presented her graduate research on Oct. 14 at the National Division of Exceptional Children Conference in Kansas City.

BECKY URLAUB, Omaha, Neb., is a graphic designer with Bellevue University, Bellevue.

KARL VOGEL and **HEIDI HANSON**, Altamonte Springs, Fla., were married July 25.

2009

TOM BARBER, Davenport, is a human resources specialist with Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Ill.

JOE FANGMAN and Aimee Kilstofte, Des Moines, were married Oct. 9.

CHRIS FRANKEN and **KAYLA FELD**, Ankeny, were married Aug. 28.

NICOLE GAMBLE, Waverly, passed the Music Therapy Board certification exam.

LISA HAGER, Grundy Center, is a political science Ph.D. student at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

ASHLEY HELLAND and Kristopher Rechkemmer, Oelwein, were married Sept. 18.

ELLEN HILGER, Mt. Pleasant, is a special education-SCI teacher in the Mt. Pleasant Community School District.

ERIK MILLER and **CHELSEY LARSON '10**, Clinton, were married Aug. 7. Chelsey is with Genesis Hospital, Davenport.

PATRICK MULLEN, Cedar Falls, is a sales associate with the VGM Group, Waterloo, and an independent representative with WorldVentures, operating his own home-based travel website.

NGA NGUYEN, West Lafayette, Ind., is an M.B.A. student and teaching assistant at Purdue University.

RACHEL PICKHINKE, Lakewood, Colo., is an online marketing coordinator with Christy Sports.

JESSI PREUSSNER, Manhattan, Kan., is in a two-year master's degree program in community and regional planning at Kansas State University.

KORINE McCORMICK SCHNEIDER, Dubuque, is a music teacher at Sacred Heart School, Maquoketa.

MATT SHEPARD and **LARA HALVERSON**, Denver, Colo., were married Aug. 6.

ADAM SWEET and Megan Juran, Guttenberg, were married Sept. 25.

KRISTA TESSMAN and Jake Dolash, Waverly, were married Nov. 7, 2009. They announce the birth of Campbell Lynne, Sept. 3.

DUANE TRIMBLE, Phoenix, Ariz., was promoted to full-time studio technician with KNXV-TV.

2010

KAYLA ALLEN, Tama, is an infant/toddler development specialist with Mid-Iowa Community Action.

ASHLEY RITTER ANDERSON, Eldora, teaches high school mathematics in the Aplington-Parkersburg Schools, Parkersburg.

KRISTI ANDERSON and **JARED ROBB**, West Des Moines, were married Oct. 30.

ALEX BOER, Davenport, is a residential counselor with Family Resources.

PATRICK BONNET, East Dubuque, Ill., is an accountant with Riverside Casino, Riverside, Iowa.

TONY BROWN, Park View, is a lab technician with ADM, Clinton.

NICOLE CALABRESE, Spring Valley, Minn., is a fitness associate with Rochester Athletic Club.

DAVID CARLSON, Moorhead, Minn., is enrolled in the world missions program at Nebraska Christian College, Papillion, Neb.

BRADEN CLAASSEN, St. Cloud, Minn., is a production analyst with CentraCare Clinic.

JON COFFMAN and **MALLORY STOCKS**, Burlington, were married July 24.

ADELA COPE, Iowa City, is a medical student at Carver College of Medicine at the University of Iowa.

BETHANY CREED, Waverly, is a manager trainee with Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Waterloo.

JESSICA DAMM, Newton, is a customer service representative with Nationwide Insurance, Des Moines.

RACHEL DAUM, New Lenox, Ill., is a substitute teacher with Music Education Services, Elk Grove Village.

SARAH ECKHOFF, Robins, is a direct support specialist with REM Iowa, Hiawatha.

THOMAS EHLERS, Cascade, is a radio personality/DJ with Radio Dubuque, Dubuque.

KELSEY BUTIKOFER ERICKSON, Platteville, Wis., is a receptionist with HyPro, Inc.

STEPHANIE EVANS, Waverly, is a part-time shelter advocate with Cedar Valley Friends of the Family.

JOHN FULLER III, Ogden, teaches high school science in the Ogden Community Schools.

MEGAN GOEDKEN, Dyersville, is a production supervisor with Hormel, Dubuque.

ANTHONY GRECO, Boone, is a medical student at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, Kansas City, Mo.

AO GUO, Los Angeles, Calif., is a marketing and sales associate with Bolide Technology Group.

MICHAEL GURIUS, Danville, teaches 7-12 physical education and science in the West Burlington School District.

RYAN HILL, Waverly, is an associate programming analyst with Hormel Foods.

BRETT HOUSTON, Waverly, is a production supervisor with Hormel Foods, Osceola.

JAMES JUETT and **KELSEY ANDERSON**, Belleville, Mich., were married June 5. James is in a Ph.D. computer science program at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Kelsey is completing her music therapy internship with Keidan Center, the special education school of the Detroit Public Schools.

SAMANTHA KAMPMAN, Muscatine, is a political director with Iowans for Tax Relief.

ANNA KRAAYENBRINK KEITH, Waverly, is in the accelerated nursing program at Allen College. She is a Certified Nursing Assistant at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community.

NIKKI KILER and **BRYANT ROBERTSON**, Rowley, were married June 19.

LEAH KING, Waverly, is a residence hall director and residential life service coordinator at Wartburg College.

TIMOTHY KNUDSEN, Decorah, is a sous chef at the Hotel Winneshiek.

TEALA KRAPFL, Cotton, works in data entry with B & H Factory Outlet, Cedar Rapids.

NICOLE LINK, Dubuque, is a management trainee with Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

ERIK LUTZ, Waverly, is a sales intern with ExamOne, Des Moines.

JESSICA MALONE, Denison, is an overnight staff employee with Quakerdale, Manning.

AMY MANSKE, Centennial, Colo., is a registered nurse in oncology/bone marrow transplant with the University of Colorado Hospital, Aurora.

BEN MERRITT, Council Bluffs, is a soil specialist with Midwest Labs, Omaha, Neb.

BEN MESSERLI, Marion, is pursuing a master's degree in sport management at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He spent the summer of 2010 as an intern in the athletic marketing and development department at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo. He was selected for TEAM UT, a group of eight students interested in sport management or journalism careers who assisted at Super Bowl XLV in Texas. They spent one week working directly with the National Football League at various Super Bowl events to learn the preparations involved in a large-scale sporting event.

JASON MEYER, Davenport, is a production assistant with WQAD-TV, Moline, Ill.

TRENT MICHAEL, Urbandale, is a cashier/cook with Casey's General Store.

JEREMY MURRAY, Waucoma, is an evening manager with High Point Limited, Lawler.

JACOB NEUZIL, St. Louis Park, Minn., is a medical device sales representative with Lake States Medical, Minneapolis.

ERINN NORTH, Waverly, is director of group sales with the Waterloo Black Hawks, Waterloo.

MEGAN OAKLAND, Spring Valley, Minn., is an associate trainer with Panera Bread, Rochester.

RICKI FRAZEE OLSON, Waverly, is a human resources assistant with the Waverly Health Center.

AMY OSHEIM and Ross Long, Waverly, were married Nov. 6.

RYAN PEDDY, Ankeny, is a medical student at Des Moines University, Des Moines.

LENA PITZ, Charles City, is a quality scientist with Pfizer Animal Health.

Wartburg graduate makes key call in BCS title game

Did Auburn running back Michael Dyer's knee touch the ground when he was tackled with 1:56 left in the Jan. 10 BCS Championship game against Oregon?

Steve Beckman '67, the replay official, determined Dyer's knee did not touch after he appeared to have been tackled and stood up on what otherwise would have been a short run. Instead, Dyer scrambled for another 30 yards, putting Auburn in position for a 19-yard field goal to win the national championship, 22-19, as time expired.

Beckman, of Bettendorf, has been an NCAA official for 31 years, including 15 seasons as head linesman in the Big Ten Conference.

SPENCER POLICHA, Clinton, works in operations with TM Logistics, Davenport.

DANA REINHARDT, Luzerne, is a resident care technician with St. Luke's Living Center East, Cedar Rapids.

NIKOLE RIEMER, Cedar Falls, is an account manager with PIPAC.

ANTHONY SCOTT, Owens Cross Roads, Ala., is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.

ANGIE SHAFFER, Fairfax, Va., is pursuing a master's degree in public administration at George Mason University.

LINDSAY SHEPARD, North Liberty, received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in August 2010 from Allen College, Waterloo. She is a registered nurse on a cardiac medical/surgical unit at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City.

KARA ISERMAN SIMMONDS, Navarre, Fla., is a healthcare recruiter with Maxim Healthcare Services, Pensacola.

MacKENZIE SLAVIN, St. Charles, Minn., spent the fall touring with Roadtrip Nation to colleges and high schools.

REBECCA SMITH, West St. Paul, Minn., is a sales associate with Macy's, St. Paul.

AMANDA TEDD, Denver, is a voluntary preschool teacher with Community United Child Care Centers-Westridge and the Waterloo Community School District, Waterloo.

MICHAEL TOMASULO, Waterloo, is a senior account executive with Impact Marketing and Technologies.

SAMANTHA TRAEGER and Donnie Soash, Waverly, were married Oct. 9. Samantha is employed by Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) at Families Together II.

NATHAN UNDERBERG, Livermore, is a meat clerk with Hy-Vee, Humboldt.

JARRETT WILLIAMS, Pembroke Pines, Fla., is a corporate trainer with Marketing Concepts, Hollywood, Fla.

Religion professor writes book

Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans, Wartburg College professor of religion and director of the Callings Initiative, has written a new book, *Book of Faith Lenten Journey: Seven Wonders of the Word.*

The book is a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) "Book of Faith Initiative." Kleinhans was invited to write this year's edition by the publisher.

Kleinhans chose a different verb for each week of lent and included scripture to expand on the words.

"I like writing things like this because I think it's really important to provide thoughtful resources for people who care about their faith, but who aren't religion majors or church professionals," Kleinhans said.

In Memoriam

1931

RUTH GROSS MATTHIAS, Waverly, died Oct. 24 at the Waverly Health Center. She and her late husband, the Rev. Paul Matthias '31, served Lutheran congregations in Iowa and spent 36 years at St. John Lutheran in Clarksville prior to retirement. Ruth served as an organist, Sunday School teacher and member of various church groups and belonged to the Clarksville Women's Club.

RUTH HANZIG PANNKUK, Cedar Rapids, died Oct. 6 at the home of her son, Robert '61. She taught elementary school in South Dakota before her marriage to the late John Pannkuk '31. Together, they served parishes in Iowa and Arkansas until 1986. She was involved in women's groups, choir and Sunday School and served as organist in several of the congregations.

1937

HILTRUDE BRAULICK GRONEWALD, Waverly, died Aug. 27 at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community. She transferred to Wartburg from Texas Lutheran College in 1935, when her father, Dr. Edward Braulick, became president and oversaw the college's reopening in Waverly. After graduation, she taught school in Ohio, then earned a library science degree at the University of Illinois. She worked as an elementary school librarian in Manchester, and as a high school librarian and German teacher in Waverly. She and her husband, the late Rev. Richard Gronewold '37, served congregations in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Iowa. She directed children's choirs, taught Sunday School, led Girl Scout troops and traveled. She belonged to a book club, was active in AAUW, served on church committees and enjoyed attending national women's church conferences. She was a former member of the Wartburg College Alumni Board.

1938

EVELYN PERRY NIEMANN, Sumner, died Nov. 19 at Hillcrest Home. She was a teacher for 18 years and worked for the Department of Defense in Washington D.C., from 1945 to 1947.

1939

ALITA PIPHO POOCK, Sumner, died Sept. 17 at Hillcrest Home. She taught in the Denver, Iowa, schools for two years prior to her marriage, then farmed with her husband in the Readlyn, Tripoli and Sumner areas for 45 years.

1941

PAULA WIDDEL WEHLING, Waverly, died Nov. 13 at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community. She worked as a bookkeeper at Miller Hatchery for nine years, farmed with her husband, and was secretary/receptionist at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community until 1991. She served on her church council, building committee and for over 50 years as church organist. She was a 4-H leader and volunteered with the Red Cross Bloodmobile, Bremwood and Bremer-Butler Hospice.

1942

MIRIAM ORTH FRUSH, Jesup, died Sept. 13. She taught school prior to her marriage, then gave piano lessons in her home. She was a member of American Lutheran Church, the Rural Women's Study Club and the Independence Merry Mixers Square Dance Club.

1945

VIRGENE HARTWIG DRUSCHEL, Eau Claire, Wis., died June 8. She taught at Rockford High School and worked as a legal secretary before moving to Eau Claire, Wis., following her marriage. She taught at what is now Chippewa Valley Technical College as an evening typing and shorthand instructor and then became a full-time instructor in business education. She also worked in the college's student services and marketing departments while completing a master's degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. She helped students produce the first school newspaper in 1965. She became head of student housing and attendance and served as a counselor in business education and marketing until her retirement in July 1988.

1946

LAVERNE WOLTER, Janesville, died Oct. 4 at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community. He was a farmer on land that remained in his family for more than 100 years and was an avid sports fan.

1948

GEORGE ENNEN, Ashton, Ill., died Aug. 6 at Franklin Grove Nursing Home. He taught and coached football and wrestling for seven years in Iowa before moving to Ashton, where he was a partner in Ennen and Weishaar American Motors and Implements for 47 years. He served in the Navy during World War II and was a lifelong member of the American Legion. He was past president of the Ashton Lions Club and Ashton Business Boosters and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

LOIS BLEHM KLEMMEDSON, Tucson, Ariz., died Sept. 20. A devoted mother. She was a 44-year member of Dove of Peace Lutheran Church, where she served as an organist and sang in the choir.

EVELYN HOCK WANDERSEE, Springfield, Minn., died Feb. 4, 2010 at St. John Lutheran Home, Springfield. She worked as secretary for the Lutheran Children's

Home (now Bremwood) in Waverly and for General Mills in Minneapolis. She was a bookkeeper for her husband's jewelry store for 34 years and worked as teachers' aide in the Springfield Public School for 12 years until her retirement in 1986. She was member of the Mary-Martha Circle and involved with quilting at her church.

1949

DONALD BORK, Fern Park, Fla., died Sept. 27.

1951

The REV. ROGER A. SCHMIDT, South Bend, Ind., died March 14, 2009. A graduate of Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, he served parishes in North Dakota and Wisconsin. He earned a master's degree in social work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1968. He was a social worker at Lutherwood Children's Home, Indianapolis; Lutheran Social Services in Fort Wayne and Indianapolis, Ind.; Homme Home for Boys in Wittenberg, Wis.; Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, Nashville, Tenn.; and Memorial Hospital, South Bend, Ind. He was a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and the National Association of Social Workers.

1952

CHRIS OTTMAR, Osceola, Wis., died Aug. 28.

1956

Dr. E. ALLEN DEWEERTH, Mendota, Ill., died Dec. 15. After spending two years in the U.S. Army, he graduated from the University of Illinois with a D.D.S. degree. He practiced dentistry in Mendota from 1961 until 2004. He was a member of the Mendota Rotary Club for over 40 years and directed the Rotary foreign exchange program for 25 years. He was a former president of the Mendota District 289 Board of Education and secretary/treasurer of the Illinois Valley Dental Society for 25 years. He served on church council and was Sunday School superintendent.

KENNETH E. MOELLER, Iowa City, died Sept. 25 at Solon Nursing Home and Care Center. He retired in 1993 after 24 years as a teacher in the Iowa City School District and a 37-year teaching career. He earned a master's degree at the University of South Dakota and during his teaching career also operated the family farm.

1957

DORCAS E GESKE HUENERS, Chisago City, Minn., died Dec. 12 at home. After completing a teaching certificate at Wartburg, she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in human development. She was certified as a Tai Chi instructor and was employed by Sholom Home, St. Paul, Minn., as a director of activities. After her retirement, she continued to provide activities for seniors and served as a hospice volunteer. She also was active in spiritual endeavors, particularly women's issues.

1960

CAROL WEITZEL LIND, Eaton, Colo., died Sept. 30 at the Hospice and Palliative Care of Northern Colorado Inpatient Unit. She was a bookkeeper and office manager, worked on the family farm and was an active church member, volunteer and homemaker.

1963

JAMES K. WARD, Scottsdale, Ariz., died Nov. 24. He was a retired manager at John Deere Parts Distribution Center, Milan, Ill.

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HAZEL HANDELAND EVANS, Faribault, Minn., died Nov. 15, 2008 at the home of her daughter in Prior Lake. She taught mathematics in Humboldt, and later at Faribault Junior High School for 30 years, retiring in 1999. She earned a master's degree from the University of Northern Iowa and was an active volunteer in her community and church.

1965

DONALD H. CLAUSSEN, Marion, died Oct. 15 at Promise House in Hiawatha. He served in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve. He earned degrees in social work from Wartburg and the University of Nebraska. He worked for the Iowa Department of Human Services, Lutheran Family Service, and for 21 years at Grant Wood Area Education Agency. He was active as a youth and adult Sunday School teacher, served on many committees and sang in the church choir.

ARLO J. RAIN, Oakwood, Ill., died Aug. 20. An ornithologist with the Illinois Natural History Survey, he was struck by train in a suburban Chicago forest preserve while studying the effects of train traffic on cardinals. He was a nationally recognized expert in bird tracking, using radio telemetry to track birds and other animals in Panama, Mexico, Canada, Greenland and throughout the United States. His 2002 study of crows shed light on why West Nile virus spreads so rapidly. He earned a master's degree from Western Michigan University in 1975.

JEROLD L VOSS, Clyde, Texas, died Sept. 18 at home. While earning a master's degree in social work from Smith College, he completed internships at Yale Psychiatric Institute and Rochester Mental Health Center. He worked as a psychotherapist and child/family therapist in Illinois, Oklahoma and Texas and retired from Woods Psychiatric Institute in 2004. He was an advocate for children's rights and spent his life helping abused and neglected children. He also was a long-haul truck driver and member of the Teamsters Union. He was preceded in death by his wife, Muriel Stuepfert Voss '63.

1966

THEODORE P. GIESE, Amanda, Ohio, died Sept. 21 in Columbus, Ohio, after a long illness. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and spent 37 years as a site manager for Smurfit-Stone. He served as a pastor for three years at Zion United Methodist Church.

1973

ANDRIS E. KAUPINS, Monroe, died Nov. 5. He earned a master's degree in library science from the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, and served libraries at various Iowa high schools and at Kaplan University, Cedar Rapids.

1976

ANN GRANGER FINNEY, Bristol, Va., died March 21, 2009 at Inova Alexandria Hospital of breast cancer. She completed her bachelor's degree in agricultural engineering at Michigan State University, then worked for the Federal Highway Administration surveying roads in Virginia and Massachusetts. She also worked at the Army Foreign Science and Technology Center in Charlottesville as an analyst on Soviet petroleum-handling systems, was a project manager at the Department of Homeland Security and the Missile Defense Agency, and since 2008 had been a project manager at the Naval Sea Systems Command. She earned a master's degree in public administration from Indiana University in 1994.

1982

DAVID RODEMANN, Rockwell City, died Oct. 31 at his home of cancer. He was a lead designer at Wolf Creek before he started a family business, Peaceable Kingdom Folk Art. He also pastored the Open Bible Church in Lake City for several years. He began doing ministry at the men's prison in Rockwell City in 2004.

1990

AHMAD ZOHAIR MIRZA, Fairfax, Va., died Sept. 23 of injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

FORMER STAFF

JUANITA A. CLOSE, Waverly, died Dec. 2 at the Waverly Health Center from complications of pneumonia. She worked as the telephone counsel operator from 1980 until her retirement in 1991.

HONORARY DEGREE

DOROTHY HAAS, Minneapolis, Minn., who received an honorary degree from Wartburg in 1956, died Aug. 3 at Augustana Home. She was 103. A graduate of the University of Michigan, was the first national president of the Women's Missionary Federation of the American Lutheran Church from 1950 to 1960 and the first executive director of The American Lutheran Church Women from 1960 to 1966. Internationally, she served on the Commission of Cooperation of Men and Women in Church and Society of the World Council of Churches and on the Lutheran World Federation Commission on Stewardship and Congregational Life. She was an official visitor to the Lutheran World Federation Assembly in Hannover, Germany, in 1952; a delegate to the LWF Assembly in Minneapolis in 1957; a delegate from the ALC to the World Council Assembly in New Delhi, India, in 1961; and an official visitor in Helsinki, Finland, in 1963. She chaired the Women's Pre-Assembly Conference in Schmalensee, Germany, in 1963 and was a member of the LWF committee on Continuation of Women's Work. She was director of women's activities at the American Bible Society headquarters in New York City from 1966 until her retirement in 1972.

Mark Holtz remembered

He died in 1995, succumbing to leukemia, but the legacy of Mark Holtz '67, the longtime "Voice of the Texas Rangers" lives on. His signature call of "Hello win column!" got a long-awaited update when the Rangers won the 2010 American League championship and the scoreboard flashed, "Hello World Series!"

COMING EVENTS

March 11-12

2011 NCAA Division III Championships

Wrestling

La Crosse Center – UW-La Crosse, La Crosse, Wis.

Indoor Track and Field

Capital Center Fieldhouse -- Capital University, Columbus, Ohio

Oct. 13-16

Homecoming 2011

Sept. 23-25

Family Weekend

Regional Alumni Events

April 5	Iowa Private College Young Alumni Networking reception (Minneapolis)
April or June TBA	Denver Outfly
May TBA	St. Louis Cardinals
May TBA	Chicago Cubs
June 7	Cedar Rapids Kernels
June 14	Milwaukee Outfly
June 15	Madison Outfly
June 18	Minnesota Twins
June 22	Des Moines Outfly
June 23	Ankeny Outfly
June 30	Waterloo Bucks
July 20	Dubuque Outfly
July 21	Chicago Iowa Cubs
July 21	Chicago Outfly
July 23	Portland Outfly
July 24	Seattle Outfly
Aug. 2	Black Hawk County Outfly
Aug. 3	Cedar Rapids Outfly
Aug. 9	Twin Cities Outfly
Aug. 10	Mason City/Clear Lake Outfly
Aug. 18	Cedar Valley Outfly

May 29

Baccalaureate

10 a.m., Neumann Auditorium

Commencement

1:30 p.m., The W

May 15-31, 2012

Tour Tanzania with alumni and friends

Join Dr. Les Huth '58, professor emeritus of education, on the Wartburg alumni tour of Tanzania. Visit cities and remote villages, go on a safari and meet people making a difference.

For more information, visit www.wartburg.edu/alumni/programs.html

July 24-30

RAGBRAI

Participate in Wartburg's Knightrider team in the annual trek acoss Iowa. Join the team, order a Knightrider jersey or stop by the hospitality tent. E-mail alumni@wartburg.edu for more information

For information on RAGBRAI, go to http://ragbrai.com/

Save the date ● Save the date

CASTLE SINGERS MUSIC TOUR

Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas Center-Grimes High School
33521 240th St., Grimes, Iowa

Wednesday, April 27, 7:30 p.m.
St. Michael Lutheran Church
13232 Blondo St., Omaha, Neb.

Thursday, April 28
Venue TBD, Lincoln, Neb.

Friday, April 29, 6:30 p.m.
Jazz on Friday -- Nelson Art Gallery
4524 Oak St., Kansas City, Mo.

Sunday, May 1, 9:30 a.m.
Advent Lutheran Church service
11800 W 151st St., Olathe, Kan.

Sunday, May 1, 4 p.m.
The Joy of Singing Concert
Featuring Marilyn Maye and the Wartburg Castle Singers
$20 ticket benefits Metro Lutheran Ministry
Available online at http://mlmkc.org/Marilyn.html
Rose Theatre, Rockhurst High School
9301 State Line Rd., Kansas City, Mo.

WIND ENSEMBLE MUSIC TOUR

Monday, April 25, 7 p.m.
Onalaska High School
700 Hilltopper Pl., Onalaska, Wis.

Tuesday, April 26, 7 p.m.
Milton High School
114 W. High Rd., Milton, Wis.

Wednesday, April 27
Venue TBD, Chicago

Friday, April 29, 7 p.m.
Cedar Rapids Jefferson High School
1243 20th St. SW, Cedar Rapids

Saturday, April 30
Venue TBD, Dubuque

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For more information, return the attached card, visit our website at www.wartburg.edu (click on "donors" and then "gift planning") or contact Mark Piel, Director of Gift Planning, toll-free at 866-219-9115 or e-mail mark.piel@wartburg.edu.

John Sauer '78 has been a faithful supporter of Wartburg College for more than 30 years. John earned degrees in business and accounting before working at The Travelers Companies (formerly the St. Paul Companies) in St. Paul, Minn., for three decades. He retired in February.

Mark Piel

John's life was shaped in special ways at Wartburg, including meaningful relationships with professors. He has always wanted to give back to the college.

"Wartburg was a great place to grow up and mature," John said. "It was an environment in which I could enjoy the freedoms of being away from home and on my own, but I always felt safe and cared for there. I especially remember Professor (Laverne) Andreesen. He believed in me and helped me to believe in myself. Wartburg's smaller class sizes made possible opportunities for these kinds of relationships, while also providing a challenging and top-notch learning experience that prepared me well for my future career."

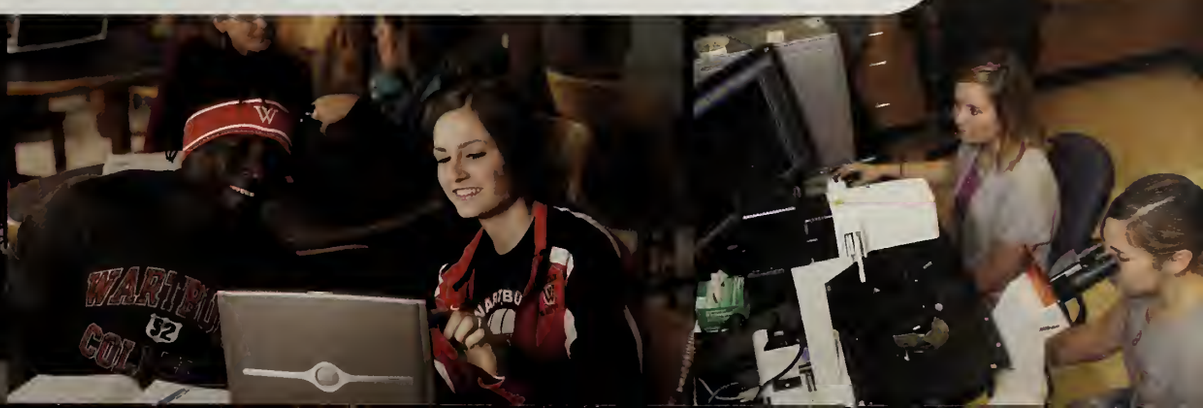
John recently completed work on his estate plans, including Wartburg and another favorite charity as beneficiaries of his trust. His future gift is unrestricted, providing Wartburg with the flexibility to use his gift in a variety of ways to meet the needs of the college when John's bequest will be realized.

John's estate plans reflected his desire to help future Wartburg students.

"We need schools that are healthy and strong. I want to help ensure that Wartburg continues to provide the kind of educational experience I enjoyed. Wartburg had a significant impact on my life, and sharing a portion of my estate for the college's future work really leaves me with a good feeling of sharing my blessings in this way."

Wartburg is honored that a growing number of alumnae, friends and supporters have made generous plans to include the college as a beneficiary in their will, trust, life insurance, charitable gift annuity or other assets. Through their thoughtful and careful planning, future generations of Wartburg students will be "challenged and nurtured for lives of leadership and service as spirited expressions of their faith and learning."

Please consider Wartburg College in your estate plans. We'd love to hear from you.



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The winners in Wartburg College's annual Study Abroad photo contest this year were Laura Barkema '12, "Darwin's Orange," student choice, and Rachel Biedermann '12, "Through the eyes of an African child," faculty-staff selection. "Oumy! Oumy! Screamed the schoolchildren," the overall winner by Amanda Gahler '12, was our back cover photo for the Spring 2010 edition of the magazine.